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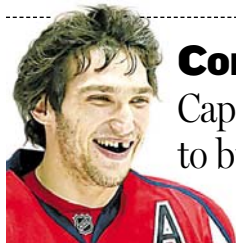
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TENSE TIMES: Traders gather at a post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday, where stocks nosedived in the final minutes of trading.

Dow Dives Below 8,600

679-point drop comes exactly one year after all-time high

NEW YORK | A runaway train of a sell-off turned the anniversary of the U.S. stock market's peak into one of the worst days in Wall Street history Thursday, driving the Dow Jones industrials down a breathtaking 679 points and deepening a financial crisis that has defied all efforts to stop it.

Stocks lost more than 7 percent, \$872 billion of investments evaporated, and the Dow fell to 8,579. When the average crashed through the 9,000 level for the first time in five years in the final hour of trading, sellers had only begun to hit the gas pedal.

As bad as the day was, even worse was the cumulative effect of a historic run of declines: The Dow suffered a triple-digit loss for the sixth day in a row, a first, and the average dropped for the seventh day in a row, a losing streak not seen since 2002.

"Right now the market is just panicked," said David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's. "Everybody just wants to get their money and put it under the mattress."

It all took place one year to the day after the

Dow closed at its record high of 14,164. Since then, frozen credit, record foreclosures, cascading job losses and outright fear have seized the market and sapped 39 percent of its value.

Paper losses for the year add up to an staggering \$8.3 trillion, according to preliminary figures measured by the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Composite Index, which tracks 5,000 U.S.-based companies representing almost all stocks traded in America.

It was the second straight day that Wall Street was rocked by a final-hour sell-off, but this one was particularly shocking. (AP)

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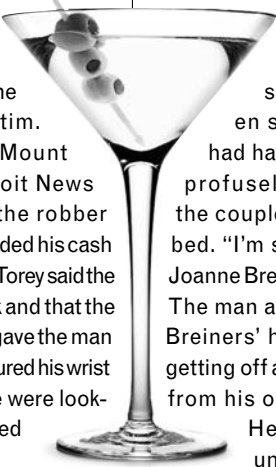
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CRIMINALS

A Disposition More Suited to Accounting

Police said a robber was locked in a choke hold by his intended victim and ended up \$30 in the hole. Police in the Detroit, Mich., suburb of Warren said the robber approached a 36-year-old man and demanded money on Tuesday night. When the robber tried to flee with \$50, police said he was tackled by his victim. The Macomb Daily of Mount Clemens and the Detroit News reported the man put the robber in a choke hold and demanded his cash back. Detective Lt. Michael Torey said the victim got his money back and that the robber was so scared he gave the man \$80. The intended victim injured his wrist during the scuffle. Police were looking for the robber, who fled on foot. (AP)



FAIRY TALE ENDINGS

He Left the Porridge

Unlike Goldilocks, a man who stumbled into the wrong Gaithersburg, Md., home after drinking too much found the bed there was just right. Bob and Joanne Breiner returned home from a night out to find a man with a white beard nestled in their bed, sound asleep. Once police showed up and the drunken stranger realized what had happened, he apologized profusely and complimented the couple on their comfortable bed. "I'm so sorry, I'm so sorry," Joanne Breiner recalled him saying. The man accidentally went to the Breiners' house after apparently getting off at a bus stop eight miles from his own home, police said. He entered through the unlocked front door. (AP)



MARIO TAMAI/GETTY IMAGES

MODERN ART

Animal Testing

In street artist Banksy's new New York exhibit, "The Village Pet Store and Charcoal Grill," fish sticks swim in a goldfish bowl, a hot dog sits in a cage with a water dish, and this animatronic bunny inspects its own reflection. Have the cosmetics companies ever thought that maybe the animals WANT to be tested on? No, all they can think about is money, money, money. No thought for the poor rabbits, whose self-esteem is at an all-time low now that Alice no longer chases them. (EXPRESS)

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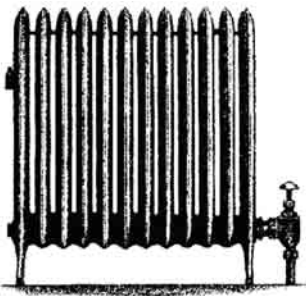
Cruel and Unusual

A defendant had a hard time facing the music. Andrew Vactor of Urbana, Ohio, was facing a \$150 fine for playing

rap music too loudly on his car stereo in July. But a judge offered to reduce that to \$35 if Vactor spent 20 hours listening to classical music by the likes of Bach, Beethoven and Chopin. Vactor, 24, lasted only about 15 minutes, a pro-

bation officer said. It wasn't the music, Vactor said; he just needed to be at practice with the rest of the Urbana University basketball team. "I didn't have the time to deal with that," he said. "I just decided to pay the fine." (AP)

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In Brief



Eric Bullard of Crossville, Tenn., examines storm debris in Galveston, Texas.

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Office Flooded With Claims Of Hurricane Ike Damage

More than 76,000 damage claims from Hurricane Ike have been filed with the Texas-backed Windstorm Insurance Association, which expects to pay billions of dollars to policy holders for losses. Texas Windstorm Insurance Association general manager Jim Oliver cautioned Wednesday that the final figure will depend on whether claims are determined to be wind or flood damage. "We are going to look at every single claim individually," Oliver said. (AP)

APALACHICOLA, FLA.

Cuban Missile Crisis Pilot Dies at 81 in Nursing Home

U-2 spy plane pilot Richard Stephen Heyser, who took the first photos of ballistic missile launch sites during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, has died. He was 81. Heyser, who died Monday at a nursing home, once told The Associated Press he was glad he didn't go down in history as the man who started World War III. (AP)

U.S. Considers Ownership in Banks

Treasury Dept. hopes to curb rapid descent in the global markets

WASHINGTON | The Bush administration is considering taking part ownership in certain U.S. banks as an option for dealing with a severe global credit crisis.

An administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because no decision has been made, said the \$700 billion rescue package passed by Congress last week allows the Treasury Department to inject fresh capital into financial institutions and get ownership shares in return.

This official said all the new powers granted in the legislation were being considered as the administration seeks to deal with a serious credit crisis that has shaken Wall Street.

Supporters of this approach, such as Sen. Charles Schumer,



Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said Treasury is moving quickly to implement the \$700 billion rescue plan that was approved by Capitol Hill after contentious debate.

D-N.Y., argue that injecting fresh capital into U.S. banks that want to participate in the program would be an effective way to bolster banks' balance sheets and get

them to resume lending. Taxpayers would benefit because the government would receive an equity stake in the bank in return for providing the capital.

A decision to inject capital directly into financial institutions in return for ownership stakes would be similar to a plan announced Wednesday by Britain.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said Treasury was moving quickly to implement the \$700 billion rescue effort, and he specifically mentioned reviewing ways to bolster the capital of banks.

"We will use all the tools we've been given to maximum effectiveness, including strengthening the capitalization of financial institutions of every size," Paulson said at a Wednesday news conference.

When asked whether he would try something like the British plan, Paulson said: "We have a broad range of authorities and tools. ... We've emphasized the purchase of liquid assets, but we have a broad range of authorities. And I'm confident we have the authorities we need to work with going forward."

MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

HEARSAY | POLITICS

"Look, we don't care about an old, washed-up terrorist and his wife. ... It's a factor about Sen. Obama's candor."

—SEN. JOHN MCCAIN, AT A RALLY IN WISCONSIN. MCCAIN TOLD SUPPORTERS THAT OBAMA HAS NOT BEEN TRUTHFUL ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH WILLIAM AYERS.

Second 'Virgin' Shark Birth Confirmed

RICHMOND, VA. | Scientists have confirmed the second case of a "virgin birth" in a shark.

In a study reported Friday in the Journal of Fish Biology, scientists said DNA testing proved that a pup carried by a female Atlantic blacktip shark in the Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center contained no genetic material

from a male.

The first documented case of asexual reproduction among sharks involved a pup born to a hammerhead at an Omaha, Neb., zoo.

"This first case was no fluke," Demian Chapman, a shark scientist and lead author of the second study, said in a statement. "It is quite possible that this is something female

sharks of many species can do on occasion."

The aquarium sharks that reproduced without mates carried only one pup, while some shark species can produce litters numbering a dozen or more. Scientists said the asexual births should not be viewed as a solution to declining shark populations. STEVE SZKOTAK (AP)



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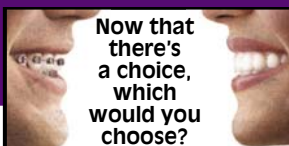
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Palin Inquiry Moves Ahead

Alaska Supreme Court refuses to block probe of alleged power abuse

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA | The Alaska State Supreme Court refused Thursday to halt an ethics investigation into Gov. Sarah Palin, the Republican vice presidential nominee.

The ruling clears the way for lawmakers on Friday to release a report on their investigation into whether Palin abused her power by firing her public safety commissioner. The report could prove to be an embarrassment for Palin and a distraction for Republican Sen. John McCain's presidential campaign.

Lawmakers are investigating whether Palin abused her power to settle a family dispute. Her former public safety commissioner, Walter Monegan, says he was dismissed after resisting pressure to fire a state trooper who had gone through a nasty divorce from Palin's sister.

Republican lawmakers had sued



DARREN HUCK/AP

Alaska lawmakers are expected to release Friday the results of their investigation into the firing of public safety commissioner Walter Monegan by Gov. Sarah Palin.

to block the report, saying it had become politicized. Palin didn't join that lawsuit. Her husband, Todd, and some of her top aides are cooperating in the inquiry.

In affidavits submitted Wednesday, Todd Palin and two top aides for his wife's administration portrayed the firing as the result of

continued wrangling between the governor and her public safety commissioner over control of the agency. The affidavits also portray Palin as uninvolved while her husband repeatedly tried to spread the word that their former brother-in-law was unfit to remain a state trooper. MATT APUZZO (AP)

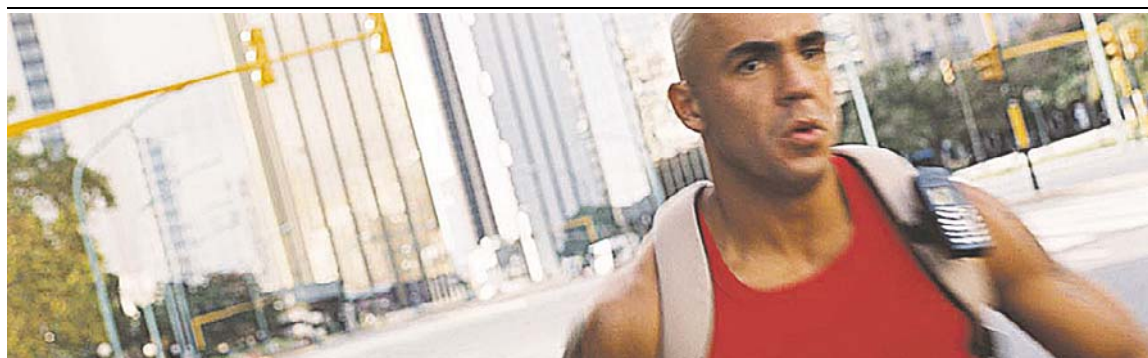
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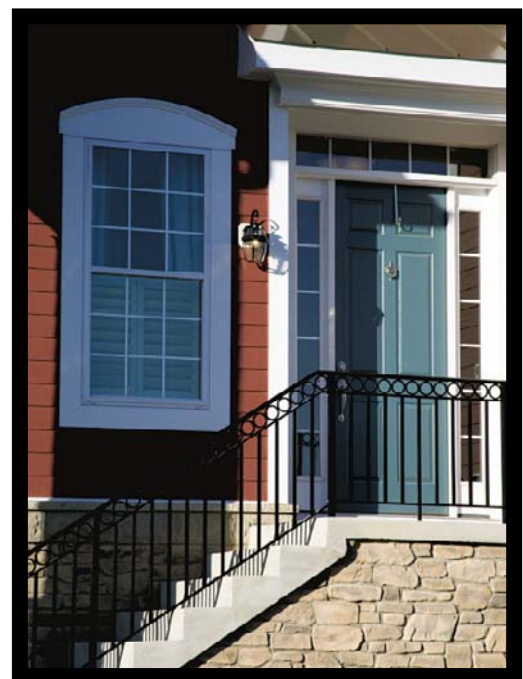
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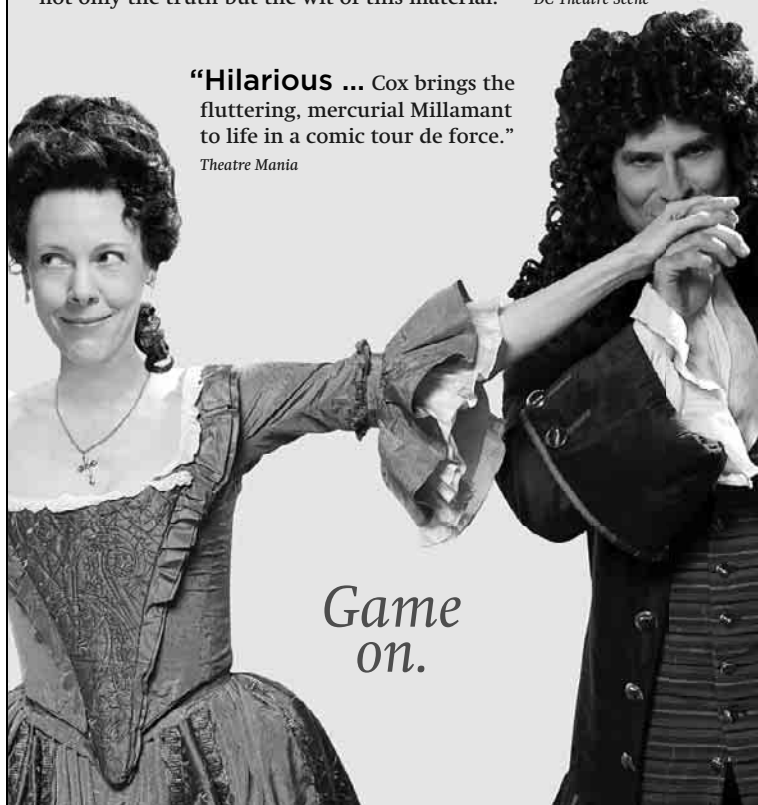
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RUDE AWAKENING: A York, Pa., woman was hurt Wednesday after a 6-pound chunk of ice fell through her roof as she slept. Experts said it might have fallen from an airplane or a rocket.



Chickens huddle together in their cages at an egg processing plant at the Dwight Bell Farm in Atwater, Calif., on Wednesday.

Factory Farms Await Vote

California ballot
measure would outlaw
small animal cages

ATWATER, CALIF. | At the J.S. West and Cos. poultry farm, half a million chickens are squeezed six at a time into wire cages where they must share 2 square feet of space.

Beneath them, conveyor belts whisk away excrement while 1.2 million eggs travel from hen to carton each day.

California voters will decide next month whether this kind of operation is an example of factory farming at its most efficient — or the cruel farming practices of producers concerned only about the bottom line.

If approved in the Nov. 4 election, a ballot measure called Proposition 2 would prohibit ranchers from keeping chickens, veal calves and breeding pigs in pens or cages that are too small for the animal to move. It is the farthest-reaching measure dealing with farm animal treatment ever put before voters in any state.

Ranchers would have to ensure that their animals can stand up,



Jill Benson, left, vice president of J.S. West and Cos., explains the process of harvesting eggs to Stanislaus County Supervisor Jim DeMartini and his wife, Anne.

turn around or stretch.

But since producers have voluntarily phased out the caging of newborn calves and breeding sows, debate over the measure has centered primarily on California's 19 million egg-laying chickens, 90 percent of which are housed in cages like the ones at J.S. West.

The restrictions would take effect in 2015, with violations carrying a \$1,000 fine.

Major egg producers oppose the initiative and insist the current

method of mass production is the most efficient way to deliver inexpensive eggs.

The California initiative would be the first in the United States to include battery cages used to house egg-laying hens, which currently are being phased out across the European Union because of cruelty concerns.

If it passes, supporters hope it would trigger a national movement aimed at poultry producers.

TRACIE CONE (AP)



WHY DIDN'T SHE SEE THIS COMING? A Norwegian politician said Thursday she wouldn't seek re-election after running up huge phone bills at Parliament's expense by calling fortune-tellers. Saera Khan reportedly spent \$7,740 in a three-month period.

World

Missile Strikes Kill 9 in Pakistan

Suspected U.S. attacks target 2 border areas as bombings kill 10

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, PAKISTAN | Suspected U.S. missile strikes targeted two areas in a Pakistani tribal region near the Afghan border on Thursday, killing at least nine people, Pakistani intelligence officials said.

Also Thursday, bombings targeting police killed 10 people and wounded 14 in Pakistan's volatile northwest and the capital — reminders of the challenge facing the country as its lawmakers pursue a national anti-terror consensus.

The alleged missile strikes appeared to be part of a surge in U.S. cross-border assaults from Afghanistan on alleged militant



Rescuers search the site of a bombing at a police complex in Islamabad, Pakistan, on Thursday. The blast, along with another in Pakistan's northwest area, killed 10.

targets in Pakistan, which have strained ties between the two anti-terror allies.

One missile strike occurred at a house in Tappi village in North Waziristan tribal region. Some of those killed were believed to be foreigners, said two local Pakistani intelligence officials, citing reports from informants and agents.

In the bombings Thursday, an apparent suicide car bombing occurred in a police complex in Islamabad. Meanwhile, a roadside bomb struck a prisoners vehicle in the Dir region near Afghanistan and killed two police, four inmates and four children. ISHTIAQ MAHSUD (AP)

Hot topic: Public debate over terrorism takes on new urgency in Pakistan. | **Today's Post, A Section**

In Brief

BAGHDAD

Roadside Bombing Kills Prominent Al-Sadr Follower

A roadside bomb killed a prominent member of Muqtada al-Sadr's political movement Thursday, raising fears of new internal Shiite bloodshed ahead of regional elections expected in January. Saleh al-Auqa'ili, considered a moderate within al-Sadr's movement, was traveling in a convoy with other Shiite lawmakers when the bombing occurred about 200 yards from an Iraqi army checkpoint in mostly Shiite eastern Baghdad, a colleague said. (AP)

ACRE, ISRAEL

Sectarian Violence Mars Somber Jewish Holiday

Arabs and Jews traded blows and threw rocks in this northern Israeli city on Thursday in a second day of sectarian violence that marred the somber Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur. Police set up roadblocks in and around Acre, one of only a few Arab-Jewish towns in Israel, and officers fired tear gas and water cannons to quell the violence. There were no reports of serious injury. (AP)

PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO

Montenegro, Macedonia Recognize Kosovo, Irk Serbia

Both Montenegro and Macedonia recognized Kosovo's independence on Thursday, despite opposition from Serbia, which called the moves by its Balkan neighbors a betrayal and expelled the Montenegrin ambassador from Belgrade. (AP)

French Author Wins Literature Nobel

Le Clezio's prize comes after debate over U.S., Europe's literary chops

For those Americans seeking great foreign authors who have yet to be discovered in English, the Nobel Prize judges present a fresh candidate: Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio, this year's winner of the literature prize.

Le Clezio, 68, was cited by the Swedish academy Thursday as an "author of new departures, poetic



Nobel Prize winner author Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio speaks on Thursday.

adventure and sensual ecstasy." His works include "Desert," a 1980 novel the academy said "contains magnificent images of a lost culture in the North African desert contrasted with a depiction of Europe seen through the eyes of unwanted immigrants."

Speaking to reporters in Paris, Le Clezio said the news left him feeling "some kind of incredulity ... and then some kind of joy and mirth."

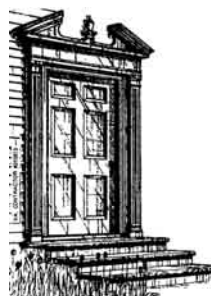
When asked whether he deserved the prize, he replied, "Why not?"

Thursday's announcement of Le

Clezio's win continued a decade-long trend of European and European-oriented authors receiving the Nobel, with recent winners including Britain's Doris Lessing and Harold Pinter. No American has won since Toni Morrison, in 1993.

Last week, Academy Permanent Secretary Horace Engdahl told The Associated Press that the United States is too insular and ignorant to challenge Europe as the center of the literary world; Le Clezio may serve as Exhibit A.

A world traveler who has been ranked among France's greatest living writers, he is unknown to much of the U.S. public. HILLEL ITALIE (AP)



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The number of children who are still in hospitals in China after drinking milk contaminated with the industrial chemical melamine, according to a statement on the Web site of China's Health Ministry Wednesday. No new deaths have been recorded, it said.

U.N.: Hunger on Rise in Zimbabwe

Aid agency says rural citizens forced to live on less, eat wild fruits

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA | Some rural Zimbabweans facing one of the hungriest years they could remember have been forced to live

on one meal a day and in some cases on only wild fruits, the U.N. food aid agency said Thursday.

The World Food Program appealed for donations to help fight hunger in Zimbabwe, straining as an economic collapse, years of food scarcity, AIDS and poor weather have combined to put it in a cat-

egory all its own in a region where most nations are poor.

"Zimbabwe is the only one that is facing a national crisis," agency spokesman Richard Lee said.

The economic collapse, with inflation of at least 231 million percent per year, has put farming equipment out of the reach of many. AIDS

has devastated the work force, and weather — too much rain in some places — has been a factor, too.

Aid agencies had been blocked for months by President Robert Mugabe's government. The ban was lifted in August, but it took weeks for agencies to resume work in Zimbabwe. In one of the first distributions since the ban was lifted, aid workers over the weekend gave out dried corn and other aid. DONNA BRYSON (AP)



North Korea banned U.N. inspectors from its main nuclear site on Thursday.

N. Korea Bans IAEA Inspectors

North announces plans to reactivate its main nuclear arms facility

VIENNA, AUSTRIA | North Korea moved closer Thursday to relaunching its nuclear arms program, announcing that it wants to reactivate the facility that produced its atomic bomb and banning U.N. inspectors from the site.

The U.S. said the moves did not mean the end of international efforts to persuade the North to recommit to an agreement that offers it diplomatic and economic concessions in exchange for nuclear disarmament.

Despite the gloomy implications of North Korea's moves, they could be a negotiating ploy: The year needed to start North Korea's reprocessing plant could be used to wrest more concessions from the regime's interlocutors.

John Bolton, who has served as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and U.S. undersecretary of state in charge of the North Korean nuclear dossier, suggested the North's tactics were working.

Bolton, a critic of what he considers U.S. leniency with North Korea who remains well-connected with senior Bush administration officials, told The Associated Press that Washington was planning to meet the communist country's key demand "within a week" by removing it from a State Department list of nations that sponsor terrorism.

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Kaine Orders 570 Layoffs

Governor announces job cuts to deal with Va.'s \$2.5B fiscal crisis

RICHMOND, VA. | Gov. Timothy M. Kaine on Thursday ordered 570 layoffs of state employees, cut college funding by at least 5 percent, ordered some older prisons closed and postponed state employee raises to deal with a \$2.5 billion government fiscal crisis.

The governor will also ask the General Assembly to approve about \$250 million in debt for capital outlay projects now paid with cash and to withdraw about \$400 million from the state "rainy day" cash reserves just to make ends meet in the current fiscal year.

The austere round of cuts is the third imposed since last October and the deepest in at least five years. They come in the midst of a worsening global economy that Kaine acknowledged would probably force even more cuts in the next fiscal year.



Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine announces his spending reduction plan at the Capitol in Richmond on Thursday. The state is facing a \$2.5 billion fiscal crisis.

"We might decide, as we see events play out here in the next month or two, that for purposes of the decisions we make in the 2010 budget, that we would cut expenses further, that we would go beyond the revenue estimate," Kaine said somberly at a news conference.

"Nationally, we don't know where the bottom is," Kaine said. "All we can do is make the real decisions in real time, not putting it off until later, to keep this budget in balance and protect the services that are most critical."

BOB LEWIS (AP)

Dead Md. Girls Tentatively Identified

WASHINGTON | Police in Maryland said Thursday they are confident two girls found encased in ice in a basement freezer are the adopted daughters of a woman suspected of killing them.

Montgomery County police said they have tentatively identified the girls as Jasmine Nicole Bowman, who would have been 9, and Minnet C. Bowman, who would have been 11. Police found the bodies last month in Renee Bowman's freezer in Lusby in southern Maryland.



Minnet Bowman, left, and Jasmine Bowman would be 11 and 9, respectively.

They believe the children may have been dead since at least last Novem-

ber, when the family moved from Rockville, about 60 miles away in Montgomery County.

Bowman, 43, is a suspect but has not been charged in the girls' deaths. She is charged with abusing a third adopted daughter. Police say the 7-year-old was found by neighbors after she jumped from a second-story window of the home.

Identification was made by detectives, who compared the bodies to a photograph of the girls found in Bowman's home. SARAH KARUSH (AP)

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AIG Still Gripped by Credit Crunch

Insurer takes another loan from the Fed as it tries to stay afloat

NEW YORK | Concerns about the health of American International Group Inc. were renewed Thursday, a day after the insurance giant said it would receive an additional \$37.8 billion loan from the Federal Reserve.

"The bottom line is they need more liquidity than they thought," said Mark Lane, an analyst for William Blair & Co. The new loan is on top of a two-year, \$85 billion loan AIG received last month from the Fed in an effort to stay in business.

AIG is apparently facing a liquidity crunch greater than was anticipated a month ago when the U.S.



Agents for an AIG subsidiary stayed at St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort in Dana Point, Calif., above, just days after AIG was bailed out by the U.S. government.

government first bailed out the company.

The new loan will help AIG cover requests from clients to

redeem borrowed securities. In the past, these securities were loaned by AIG's insurance company subsidiaries to third parties

“The bottom line is they need more liquidity than they thought.”

MARK LANE, FINANCIAL ANALYST

in return for cash. The cash would then be reinvested in an attempt to increase returns. Now, Lane said, clients who borrowed securities want to return them to AIG and get their cash back.

Amid the continuing credit crisis, financial firms have been hoarding cash for fear of future losses on investments. The situation has also spooked banks into nearly shutting off lending among each other.

The problem is AIG "didn't have the money to give it back," Lane said. "That means that somebody else has to step in to take that other borrower out of the transaction."

That is where the new Fed loan comes into play. The New York Federal Reserve Bank will loan AIG the \$37.8 billion and in return receive the securities that AIG now holds again, Lane said.

The deal for the additional Fed loan comes as AIG has been castigated by lawmakers and the White House for spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on a posh California retreat just days after getting the \$85 billion federal bailout.

AIG issued a statement Wednesday saying that the "business event" was planned months before the Sept. 16 bailout and that it was held for top-producing independent life insurance agents, not AIG employees. Of the 100 attendees, only 10 worked for the AIG unit hosting the event, it said. (AP)

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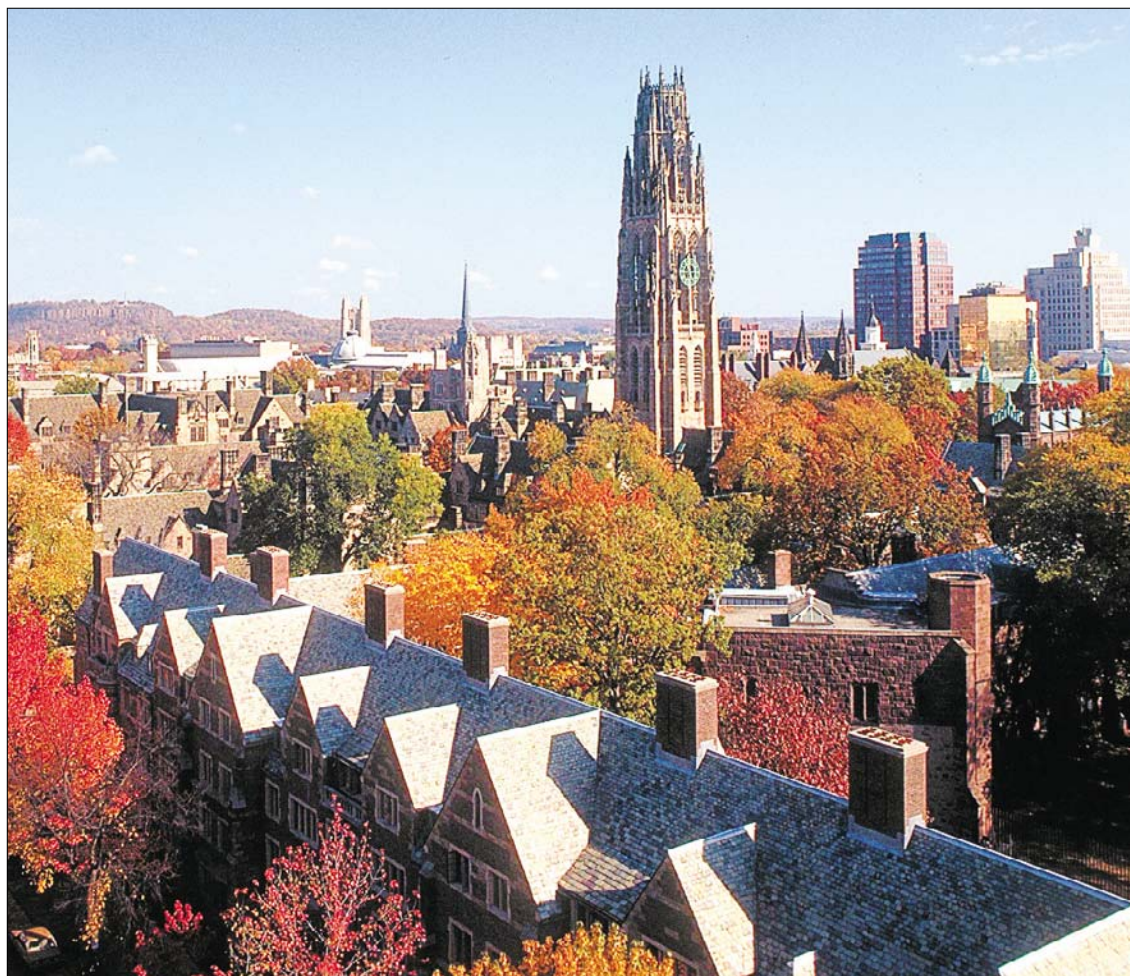


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PHOTOS BY MICHAEL MARSLAND/YALE UNIVERSITY

TREE'S COMPANY: The vibrant culture of New Haven's Yale campus is an ideal place for a weekend getaway for fall relaxation.

Leaf Through It

Yale University is a great place to take in stunning fall foliage

IN TRAVEL | As a child of a rural valley in the Appalachians, I have what seems an inborn need to witness the glory of autumn in a place with enough trees to dominate the landscape. A setting with open fields and pumpkin patches, and corn mazes and freshly pressed cider. But in past escapes from Washington — for a dose of fall to feed that rural self — I've always found my city self dissatisfied. Within hours of a much-anticipated arrival, I always begin thinking: "That was beautiful. Now what I am supposed to do?"

Last fall, I had an epiphany: college towns. Even the smallest of them tend to have more attractions, highbrow culture, restaurants and activities than other towns of com-

parable size. Find a leafy campus in or near a bucolic setting, and your foliage fix can be accentuated by good food, culture, shopping and night life.

After studying the options near enough to Washington for an easy weekend jaunt, I identified Yale University in New Haven, Conn. Maple trees with blazing red leaves partially frame the 216-foot-tall Harkness Tower. Multicolored leaves crackle underfoot. Along a pathway that cuts through the quadrangle of one of the residential areas on campus, I pause to sit on a low stone wall and take in the beauty of man-made structures surrounded by the majesty of trees preparing for winter.

When the leaves explode into gold, bronze, scarlet and sienna, Yale's Georgian- and Gothic-style buildings are even more striking than usual. Already the elms, beech, oak, maple and sweet gum trees



Students stroll through the Yale campus, where the fall colors are on full display.

there have begun to turn. In the next two weeks, they will peak.

Visitors are free to wander around the campus unescorted. But without a guide, I would have

left New Haven puzzled about how a campus founded in 1701 could look so similar to England's Oxford University, established in the 12th century. Instead, I take one of the daily student-led tours and discover the answer: acid.

The newer-looking, Georgian-style buildings are actually the oldest, built as early as 1750. The older-looking, Gothic-style buildings were constructed between 1917 and 1931. And the thoroughly modern,

for more ...

SUNDAY IN TRAVEL

To read more about places to revel in autumn color, or accounts of visits to the casinos of Tunica, Miss., see the Travel section in Sunday's Post.

IN The Washington Post

marble Beinecke was built in the 1960s. Architect James Gamble Rogers had the stone walls splashed with acid to simulate age.

I'm usually not an enthusiast of faux-old architecture, but at Yale it works.

The wealth of Yale mixes with the poverty of many residents in this small city of 124,000 people, and for a time decrepitude crept into areas near the campus. However, extensive urban renewal projects begun in the 1990s have made a notable difference. Today, upscale shops and restaurants line the streets, along with modern office buildings.

The city centers on the leafy New Haven Green, home to three beautiful, historic churches. The Green, a privately owned national historic landmark just steps from the Yale campus, is worth a close look.

I stroll toward City Hall and come upon the Amistad Memorial. The sculpture sits on the site where kidnapped Africans were imprisoned in 1839 while it was decided whether they should be returned to Africa. The 14-foot-tall sculpture bears the image of Sengbe Pieh, the intended slave who gained control of the slave ship but was tricked into sailing it into Long Island Sound. Exhibits about his life are displayed at the New Haven Museum and the New Haven Historical Society. **CINDY LOOSE**
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Sports Weekend



With reigning NHL MVP Alex Ovechkin locked up, the Capitals' front office spent the summer trying to re-sign their players.

Gang's All Here

Capitals keep core unit intact while adding to Ovechkin's workload

CAPITALS | In his 11 years as vice president and general manager of the Washington Capitals, George McPhee can't recall another off-season where the product on the ice changed so little.

After a remarkable surge to close last season that saw the team win seven straight games to capture

the Southeast Division title, the Capitals made just one free agent acquisition — signing goalie Jose Theodore to a two-year, \$9 million contract — in 2008.

That doesn't mean the team's front office was sitting back and relaxing during the summer months.

"We were busy trying to keep this team together, trying to re-sign our own guys," McPhee said at the team's annual media day Tuesday. "It took a lot of work and we accomplished it, and we owed it to them. Now let's see if they can pay us back."

Overlooked, though, are the returns of captain Chris Clark and

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veteran center Michael Nylander, who both missed more than 40 games last year due to injury. The team also gets the services of a healthy Alexander Semin after the Russian forward played much of last year on an injured ankle.

GIVE HIM MORE

Nobody can question just how good Alex Ovechkin is anymore:

→ Not after the 23-year-old's historic 65-goal season a year ago that earned him the Hart Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player. But how does he possibly surpass that? By adding more responsibility to his plate. During the preseason, Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau experimented using Ovechkin on the team's penalty kill, and the superstar responded by scoring three shorthanded goals in five games.

And that doesn't even cover the impact that having forward Sergei Federov, acquired at last season's trading deadline, for a full season could have.

"They're free-agent signings that we didn't have to sign," coach Bruce Boudreau said.

But while turnover on the roster was kept to a minimum, the scene off the ice couldn't be more different as the Capitals open their season this weekend with a road game against Atlanta Friday and their home opener against Chicago Saturday.

The Capitals now have a Jack Adams Award-winning coach in Boudreau back for his first full season behind the bench, a growing buzz across the city that has season-ticket sales nearing all-time high levels, and the media predicting much more than just a first-round playoff exit this time around.

"We have to be better than we were last year to achieve at least as much because we're not going to surprise anybody," said Boudreau.

MARK GIANNOTTO

TV Lineup



Tebow's No. 11 Florida Gators take on the No. 4 LSU Tigers in Gainesville, Fla.

friday

4 P.M. Sluggers Ryan Howard and Manny Ramirez will swing for the fences when the Dodgers play the Phillies in game 2 of the NLCS. FOX

8:30 P.M. The ALCS gets under way as the Red Sox head to Tampa Bay. The Rays bested Boston 10 of the 18 times the teams played in the regular season, but getting win No. 11 will be hard against the Red Sox's 18-3 ace, Daisuke Matsuzaka. TBS

saturday

NOON No. 1 Oklahoma wants to keep its spotless 5-0 record. Then again, so does No. 5 Texas. Who will come out undefeated in the Big 12 battle? ABC

7 P.M. U.S. men's soccer looks for its third straight World Cup qualifier win against Cuba at RFK. ESPN

8 P.M. In an SEC showdown, two more undefeated college football teams meet as No. 4 LSU (4-0) takes on No. 11 Florida (5-0). CBS

sunday

1 P.M. The winless Rams hope a new coach and a new quarterback will energize them as they head to Washington to face the 4-1 Redskins. FOX
7 P.M. More football, but probably not what you're thinking. D.C. United, which has not won in more than a month, will play the Houston Dynamo, which has not lost since August. CSN
8:15 P.M. New England is behind Buffalo in the AFC East? The Pats try to reestablish AFC dominance (and normalcy) against 2-3 San Diego. NBC



HOCKEY | Lipstick on a Puck Sarah Palin's next face-off will come at center ice at an NHL arena, not at a debate. The GOP VP nominee will drop the ceremonial first puck when the Philadelphia Flyers open the season against the Rangers Saturday. Palin, the Alaska governor and



self-described "hockey mom," will join the winner of a promotion for the "Ultimate Hockey Mom" to drop the puck. "Because of the tremendous amount of publicity she has brought to our sport, we invited the most popular hockey mom in America to our home opener," Flyers owner Ed Snider said. (AP)

Success Sans Saunders

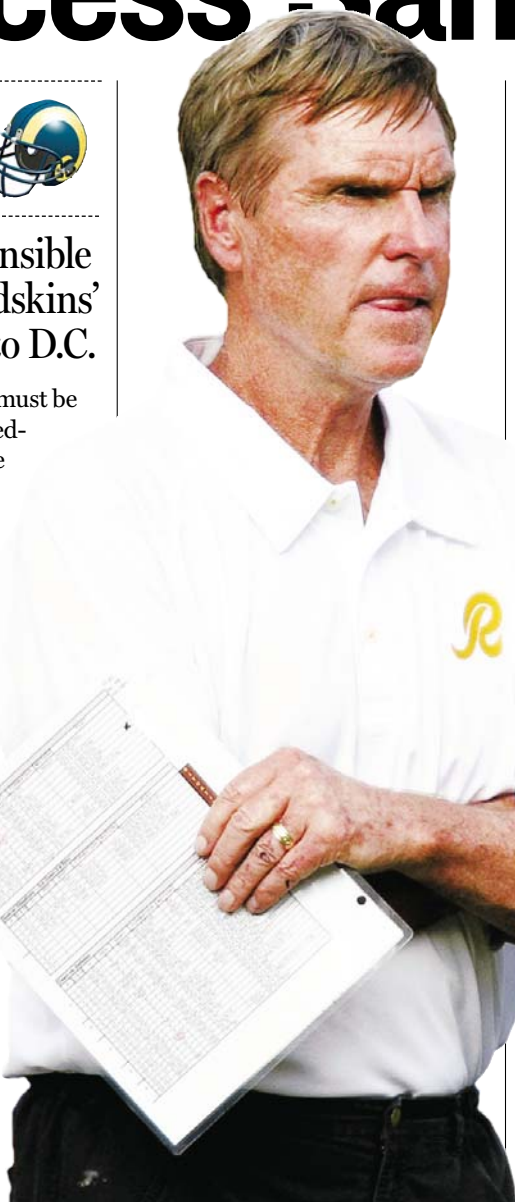


Man once responsible for updating Redskins' offense returns to D.C.

REDSKINS | Al Saunders must be shaking his head. The Redskins' offense — which he was supposed to modernize — has finally opened up. But Saunders is in St. Louis.

New head coach Jim Zorn has pulled the strings to make Washington (4-1) the sixth-ranked offense in the NFL while working with the same core personnel Saunders had the previous two years.

Saunders — who returns to Washington on Sunday as the Rams' offensive coordinator — was brought in before the 2006 season to give then-coach Joe Gibbs' offense some punch. But the melding



NO ONE SAY 7-1: Here's where the one-game-at-a-time philosophy that the players and coaches tout will be tested for the first time:

→ Washington's schedule has gone from cringe-inducing to favorable. At 4-1, the Redskins have already played all three NFC East opponents on the road and now have three straight games they'll be favored to win. Washington hosts St. Louis (0-4) this weekend, hosts Cleveland (1-3) on Oct. 19 and travels to NFC-worst Detroit (0-4) on Oct. 26. If the Redskins can play like they have the last month, they could be 7-1 entering November for the first time since 1997. ERIC BRANDNER

of Gibbs' grind-it-out style with Saunders' spread attack produced little success in two seasons.

With Zorn's taking over this year, the players have indicated the goals on offense are now clearer.

"You don't want to be hesitant in the National Football League, because each second — each step — counts," quarterback Jason Campbell said. "[This year], everything we do comes from one voice, and it's coach Zorn."

Zorn's effect has been most evident with Campbell. The fourth-year quarterback has yet to turn the ball over while completing 63.4 percent of his passes.

Under Gibbs and Saunders, the quarterback rarely got to take chances, unless it was throwing a deep ball that would have served just as well as a punt if it was picked off. This season, he's thrown a slant on fourth down to seal a win. He's finding the third and fourth receiver in his progressions. And he's looked more poised, doing all those things in tight games.

And Zorn has been able to turn the offense around while keeping the best of what Gibbs and Saunders had going: a running attack that could move the chains and kill the clock. Tailback Clinton Portis has punished defenses with 514 rushing yards while substantially increasing his average to 4.5 yards per carry.

"We get good response [from the play calling] because our guys are executing," Zorn said. "When we're on offense, we're attacking."

ERIC BRANDNER

X Factors

→ Redskins OT Stephon Heyer

Heyer is expected to start on Sunday after missing two weeks with a shoulder sprain. The second-year lineman won the starting spot over veteran Jon Jansen because he offered better pass protection. But in the last two games, Jansen stepped in and added muscle to the right side, boosting the running game. The starting job is still Heyer's, but will the Redskins' rushing attack suffer with a banged-up Heyer or continue to flourish? KATE YANCHULIS



QB Bulger is back as the Rams' starter.

→ Rams QB Marc Bulger

After getting benched by then-coach Scott Linehan in favor of backup Trent Green before week 4, a few Rams players quickly aired in public their disagreement with the decision. The Rams lost their next game 31-14 to the Bills, Linehan was fired, and new coach Jim Haslett reinstated Bulger as the starter for this week. If WR Torry Holt and RB Steven Jackson can rally around their signal caller on the field like they did in the media, the Rams might be able to get their season back on track. CLINTON YATES

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Sports **Weekend**

In this June 5 brawl, the Tampa Bay Rays proved they weren't afraid to mix it up with the Red Sox. With the AL pennant on the line, neither team is taking the other lightly.

Rays Hope to Put Up A Fight Versus BoSox

Playoff rookie Tampa Bay is not afraid of the World Series champion

BASEBALL | The Tampa Bay Rays spent the entire season dispelling the notion that they were too inexperienced to compete with the Boston Red Sox.

With the best-of-seven ALCS beginning Friday night, the AL East champions aren't about to stop believing in themselves now.

"We don't want to get ahead of ourselves," left fielder Carl Crawford said, "but we definitely feel good about our chances."

“We’re excited. This is how we envisioned it from Day 1.”

EVAN LONGORIA, RAYS THIRD BASEMAN

With good reason.

The Rays won the season series between the division rivals 10-8, taking eight of nine at Tropicana Field, where they also compiled the best home record in baseball, 57-24. It is here, too, that Boston's 18-game winner Daisuke Matsuzaka will face the Rays' James Shields in the opener.

"I just have to go out there and pitch my game. I'm one not to change

anything," said Shields. "I've had a lot of success this year doing what I do. I feel alive. I'm ready to go."

After spending the last two months of the season chasing the Rays, the defending World Series champion Red Sox do not see Tampa Bay's success as a fluke.

"I understand some of the story behind this. They haven't had any success going into this year, and all of a sudden they went from the bottom to the top. It's a great story for baseball. It made our life a little bit more miserable this year," Boston manager Terry Francona said.

"If you look at their team from top to bottom, there really shouldn't be a surprise," he added. "They have a real good thing going. Our job will be to derail that."

Tampa Bay isn't discounting Boston either. The Red Sox won two of the past four World Series, while the Rays are in the playoffs for the first time and have only eight players with previous playoff experience.

But the Rays see no reason inexperience should hold them back. After all, most people expected their youth to be a hindrance.

"We're excited. This is how we envisioned it from Day 1. The two best teams playing for the American League championship," Rays rookie Evan Longoria said.

FRED GOODALL (AP)

❖ **Late game:** Thursday's Phillies-Dodgers NLCS game I ended after Express' deadline. For results, go to washingtonpost.com

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U.S. Climbs to 21st in FIFA Rankings

European champion Spain stays atop list; Brazil advances to 4th

SOCCER | The United States climbed seven spots to 21st in the October FIFA rankings ahead of this weekend's World Cup qualifier against Cuba.

The ranking is the highest since June for the Americans, who had dropped to 31st in August, matching their low since 1997.

Cuba, which lost a qualifier to the United States 1-0 in Havana last month, fell six places to 98th.

With a victory Saturday in Washington, the United States would clinch an advancement to next year's

AROUND THE GLOBE

Elsewhere in the world, African and Asian nations continue their climb on the road to the 2010 World Cup in South Africa:

→ Cameroon continues to rise as the leading African nation, jumping two rungs to No. 12, two places above England. Israel advanced three spots to No. 16, its best ranking ever.

→ Japan leads the Asian Confederation at No. 32, with New Zealand leaping to No. 54. Its two World Cup qualifying victories over Oceania rival New Caledonia helped lift the Kiwis 57 places.

final round of qualifying in the North and Central American and Caribbean region. After the match against the Cubans, the U.S. team plays Oct. 15 at Trinidad and Tobago, which dropped eight spots to 88th.

European champion Spain remained No. 1, followed by Italy and Germany. Brazil is South America's best, advancing two spots to No. 4. The Netherlands and Croatia dropped a place each to Nos. 5 and 6, respectively. Argentina remains No. 7.

In the one change in the top 10, Russia moved up to No. 9 at the expense of fellow Euro 2008 semifinalist Turkey, which dropped three places to No. 13.

Mexico stayed at No. 24. (AP)



Soccer player Freddy Adu Wednesday practices at the field near RFK Stadium he played on every day as a member of D.C. United before he headed to Europe.

Adu, Altidore Back Together for U.S.

Youngsters who play in Europe convene for qualifier against Cuba

SOCCER | Freddy Adu walked through the familiar old chain link fence, lined with green material and covered in places with unruly ivy, to practice on the same field that was part of his daily routine for three years with D.C. United.

"It brought back old memories," Adu said. "But I'm excited. I'm happy because I get to be here with the national team."

The field is only a hundred yards or so from RFK Stadium, site of the U.S. team's World Cup qualifier against Cuba on Saturday. The creaky old facility also felt a bit like home for Jozy Altidore, although he played there only as a visitor with the New York Red Bulls.

"The only bad thing," Altidore said, "is I've never won here before. I'm sure that's going to change if we have a nice effort this weekend."

Adu and Altidore are part of a young contingent that has grown up together through various levels of U.S. soccer — including the Olympic team that played in Beijing — with the goal of making an impact in the 2010 World Cup.

The week also offered the teenagers a break from their new and challenging lives overseas. Adu, 19, and Altidore, 18, are adjusting to new clubs and new lifestyles in Europe, where playing time isn't easy to come by.

Adu recently joined AS Monaco of the French league on a season-long loan from Portugal's Benfica, where he started only two matches and scored five goals in 21 appearances last season after his high-profile move from MLS.

Altidore is just settling into his first European gig with Villarreal of Spain. His only appearance came as a substitute in the opening game of the season, even though Villarreal paid a transfer fee reportedly close to \$10 million for his services.

To stay grounded to their state-side roots, Adu and Altidore use the wonders of modern technology to maintain their camaraderie while in Europe. "Texting, e-mailing, IMing," Altidore said. "We're all big on the Macs and iChat, stuff like that."

And, Altidore said, staying close helps the togetherness whenever the youngsters reconvene for national team duty. "We have a bit of each other in every one of us," Altidore said. JOSEPH WHITE (AP)



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Early Judgement For BCS Hopefuls

4 of the top 5 teams battle against ranked conference opponents

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Even before the season, Oct. 11 was circled on the calendars of many college football fans. Now that six weeks of football have been played, Saturday's schedule looks even better. Three games matching six ranked teams, including four of the top five, will surely rock the national championship race. The picks:

→ **NO. 1 OKLAHOMA** (MINUS 6.5) **VS. NO. 5 TEXAS** at Dallas. The better team usually wins the Red River Shoot-out ... **OKLAHOMA, 33-21.**

→ **NO. 4 LSU** (PLUS 6) **AT NO. 11 FLORIDA.** Tigers' tough D-line vs. Gators' shaky O-line ... **LSU, 27-24.**

→ **NO. 17 OKLAHOMA STATE** (PLUS 13.5) **AT NO. 3 MISSOURI.** In a match-up of great offenses, go with the better defense ... **MISSOURI, 55-38.**



Can Texas QB Colt McCoy lead his Longhorns to an upset over Oklahoma?

→ **TENNESSEE** (PLUS 12.5) **AT NO. 10 GEORGIA.** Just what the Vols didn't need — to face a ticked-off bunch of Bulldogs ... **GEORGIA, 28-14.**

→ **NO. 13 VANDERBILT** (MINUS 2.5) **AT MISS. STATE.** Can the Commodores avoid a letdown? ... **VANDERBILT, 17-10.**

→ **NOTRE DAME** (PLUS 7.5) **AT NO. 22 NORTH CAROLINA.** The echoes are stirring ... **NOTRE DAME, 28-23.** RALPH RUSSO (AP)

Sunday PICK'EM

Matt Swenson
SPORTS COLUMNIST,
EXPRESS

Ian Herbert
SPORTS CONTRIBUTOR,
EXPRESS

Dan Steinberg
"D.C. SPORTS BOG,"
THE WASHINGTON POST

Dave Goldberg
SPORTS WRITER
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RAMS (PLUS 13.5) AT REDSKINS

RAMS
There is too much wrong with the Rams for a new coach to get them a win, though.

REDSKINS
Marc Bulger makes it through all four quarters, a moral victory.

REDSKINS
I can't remember the last time Jim Zorn failed to cover at FedEx.

REDSKINS
The Rams may play harder for Jim Haslett. Doesn't really matter, does it?



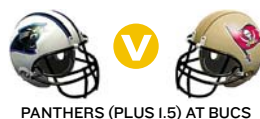
RAVENS (PLUS 4.5) AT COLTS

COLTS
The good news is Baltimore's team will return home from Indianapolis.

COLTS
I promised I wouldn't pick the Ravens all year, and I'm not going to break.

RAVENS
Baltimore won't give up 312 fourth-quarter points like Houston did.

RAVENS
This year's Colts are NOT the Colts of the past five seasons.



PANTHERS (PLUS 1.5) AT BUCS

PANTHERS
This result may be crucial in playoff tie-breakers.

BUCS
There is nothing witty to say about this game. Bucs win at home.

PANTHERS
The NFC South is easily the most surprising division in the league.

PANTHERS
Carolina may be on par with the three top NFC East teams.



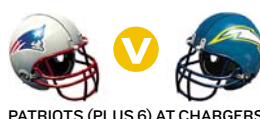
JAGUARS (PLUS 3.5) AT BRONCOS

JAGUARS
We'll go with the team that actually plays defense consistently.

BRONCOS
It looks like neither team is as good as I once thought it was.

BRONCOS
New theory: Maybe Jacksonville just isn't very good.

BRONCOS
Everything's breaking right for the Broncos. Not so for the banged-up Jaguars.



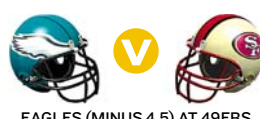
PATRIOTS (PLUS 6) AT CHARGERS

CHARGERS
This one is going to feel sweet in San Diego.

PATRIOTS
Matt Cassel started to look Brady-esque after a bye. Norv is still Norv.

PATRIOTS
Hold on: Norv Turner is GIVING six points to Bill Belichick?

PATRIOTS
San Diego is perfectly capable of giving away games.



EAGLES (MINUS 4.5) AT 49ERS

EAGLES
Eagles' blitz vs. 49ers' O-line is a bad mismatch.

EAGLES
Eagles are a good team, no matter what the last two weeks showed.

EAGLES
Despite wailing from fans, Philly's still pretty good.

49ERS
A must-win for the Eagles? We said that last week and they lost.

SEASON TALLY: Matt Swenson: 13-14-3 (1-3-2); Ian Herbert: 10-17-3 (1-3-2); Dan Steinberg: 18-9-3 (2-2-2); Dave Goldberg: 16-11-3 (2-2-2)
All picks are against the spread. Get more NFL coverage and chime in with comments on the Sports Bog at Blog.washingtonpost.com/dcsportsbog.

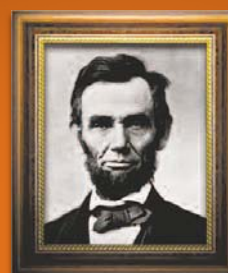
PARIS, FRANCE | NBA KICKS OFF EUROPEAN TOUR



LONG REACH: Miami Heat rookie Mario Chalmers, left, is stopped by the New Jersey Nets' Stromile Swift during the fourth quarter of an NBA pre-season basketball game Thursday. New Jersey won 100-98 in overtime.



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Entertainment Weekend

POST-PUNK

Not Just Another Cuisinart: British band the Wedding Present promises to love, cherish and rock at the Black Cat this Saturday. | 19



Who's the Boss?

'Body of Lies' zooms in on fighting terror and office politics

A SHAME | Add "Body of Lies" to the growing list of films focusing on the war on terror that nobody wants to see.

The pieces would all seem to be in place for a compelling take on this complex topic: strong work from Russell Crowe and Leonardo DiCaprio; an intricate script from William Monahan, an Academy Award winner for "The Departed"; and the virtuoso visual styling of director Ridley Scott.

Of course, it looks great as it bounces breathlessly between Iraq and Jordan, Qatar and the Netherlands, Dubai and the Virginia suburbs. Scott seamlessly blends footage shot by overhead drones with intense, paranoid sequences from the cramped streets below. And yet the result, with its many explosions and shootouts, too often feels like a generic action picture, albeit one with weightier stuff on its mind. It's as if Scott and co. felt they needed to make the material palatable to the widest possible audience.

Based on the novel of the same name by Washington Post colum-



ANYBODY SEE MY STAPLER? Even though he's fighting terrorists, Roger Ferris (Leonardo DiCaprio) is just another schmuck with boss issues in "Body of Lies."

nist David Ignatius, whose knowledge of the subject matter would seem to be unimpeachable, "Body of Lies" follows undercover CIA operative Roger Ferris (DiCaprio), who's trying to ferret out the mastermind behind a series of anonymous bombings around the world. At the same time, Ferris' boss, Ed Hoffman (Crowe), is running surveillance and plotting strategy from home back in the United States with the help of his ever-present cell-phone headset and laptop.

But despite their shared goals and mutual dependence, Ferris and Hoffman often end up undermining each other.

It's a joy to watch DiCaprio and Crowe verbally sparring, even though they infrequently share the same space: Most of their characters' communication takes place over the phone. DiCaprio is high-strung and arrogant; Crowe is low-key and arrogant and, in typically Method fashion, he put on 50 pounds for the part.

Each character thinks that what he's doing is the right course for the greater good. But when you break down "Body of Lies" to its most fundamental elements, it's really about disagreeing with your boss. Hoffman gives Ferris an assignment, Ferris carries it out how he sees fit, they clash, then they start all over again.

It's "Office Space" with carnage, "9 to 5" where peril is present 24/7. Maybe this topic is relatable after all. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

Got Plans?

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Drinks at Off the Record, the oh-so-Washington bar at the Hay-Adams.

I'm lucky enough to have obtained a West Wing tour of the White House this weekend, and I'm having a few friends in town for it. I'm wondering whether there are any nice places to go to afterward to grab a drink. We'll be in suits, and I was thinking of a very "Washington" dressy place within walking distance of the White House. Are there any bars in the nice hotels where we would fit in?

Honestly, just go right across the square to the Hay-Adams Hotel. Off the Record is a dark, clubby, formal little bar that makes a mean martini, and you might run into some journalists and politicians.

→ *Off the Record, 1 Lafayette Square; 202-638-6600. (McPherson Square)*

I'm heading over to Eastern Market this Saturday and was wondering whether you could recommend a good place to grab breakfast before hitting the stalls. I remember hearing about great blueberry pancakes at a place over there but can't recall the name.

Get your bluebucks at Market Lunch, one of the indoor stands at the market. And go before noon.

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The Going Out Gurus think you should get out more. Join the discussion Thursdays at 1 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

A Welcome Return to Nature

'Crusoe' escapes to green living back in the 17th century

WATCH IT | NBC's "Crusoe" puts a magnificent spin on green living, as demonstrated by 17th-century British castaway Robinson Crusoe (Philip Winchester) and his chum Friday (Tongai Arnold Chirisa) on their tropical island. This isn't a starchy visual recitation of the Defoe classic, or a comic-book rehash aimed

at kids. On the contrary, "Crusoe" makes you a willing captive, giddy at its spectacle and adventure. As much as Crusoe wants to get off the island, you'll insist on staying. It premieres Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. with a two-hour opener.

Can't wait? No worries. The first hour of "Crusoe" will be available online on Yahoo starting Friday.

Life is all too real for Crusoe, who considers his island paradise a prison where "my only escape is into the memory of a life which seems



Philip Winchester has a much hotter castaway look than Tom Hanks had.

ever more like a fading dream."

Even so, he's making the best of it. A crack do-it-yourselfer, he has devised back-to-nature gadgetry Rube Goldberg would applaud. His self-styled amenities rival the Dharma Initiative on "Lost."

Crusoe does a bit of pining for his dear wife back in England. How did he come to leave her and get stranded on this isle? The answer to this question, and others, must tantalizingly wait.

FRAZIER MOORE (AP)

Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

It's been a while since we've seen Middle Distance Runner's name around, but maybe we were just used to seeing it a whole lot. Tonight's show is the band's 100th, so Willard Scott salutes you, MDR! (And then he rambles on in a truly bizarre manner.) It actually has been almost a year since the band that was the darling of the local indie scene in 2006 and 2007 has graced a stage, and who knows whether it can still claim that title. Lose a bassist, take a year off and all of a sudden you have Jukebox the Ghost and U.S. Royalty snagging all those Brightest Young Things features. The comeback begins

tonight at **IOA**.

SATURDAY

People talk about "swing music" like there's no difference between the lush melodies of Glenn Miller, the rhythmically challenging compositions of Duke Ellington, the hard-driving Count Basie Orchestra or Cab Calloway's entertaining vocal performances. In truth, "swing" is pretty similar to "rock," with all sorts of microgenres for hardcore fans and purists to argue about. Mora's Modern Swingtet is a modern group that doesn't fit in a neat box. Though it specializes in the music of the small groups of the '30s and '40s, it can also play hot jazz and more conventional big band tunes. (The Swingtet is made up of members of the popular Los Angeles hot jazz band Mora's Modern Rhymists and the larger big band Dean Mora and His Orchestra.) The Swingtet makes a very, very rare East Coast appearance tonight at the **SPANISH BALLROOM AT GLENECHO**, and while we haven't



CATHERINE WYDAL

NO NEED TO EXCHANGE IT: The Wedding Present plays the Black Cat on Saturday.

seen the Swingtet live, we've seen its parent groups, and this has the potential to be one of the hottest jazz shows of the year, period.

What's a fan of revered British post-punk bands to do this Satur-

day evening? In a very unfortunate case of competitive booking, Wire (at **9:30 CLUB**) and the Wedding Present (at the **BLACK CAT**) go head to head. There are a few ways you can determine which show to attend.

Which band has the best album? It's close, but Wire's debut, "Pink Flag," would take that honor. More than 30 years after its release, its short, sharp, punchy songs sound as vital as ever. How about the band that has the most consistency in its catalog? The Weddoes would get the nod there. Wire is sort of handicapped by the perfection of "Pink Flag," but once it shifted from spiky post-punk, it was hard to maintain the vitality. Meanwhile, the Wedding Present seamlessly went from hyper-strummed jangle-pop to a more muscular alt-rock sound. How about who's better live these days? This isn't a fair fight, because none of us has seen Wire lately, but the Wedding Present shows at the Black Cat in 2005 and 2006 were simply fantastic. So, the short story is that you can't go wrong with either band, but the Wedding Present gets Nightlife Agenda's vote.

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SPECIAL SAUCED: Michael Cera, left, and Kat Dennings, right, lend a pal a hand in "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist."

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AN AMERICAN CAROL (PG-13, 83 minutes)

This flamingly right-wing comedy roughly tracks the Dickens Christmas classic: A Twinkie-gorging documentary filmmaker obviously based on Michael Moore is visited by three famous ghosts who show him the error of his peace-loving, health-insurance-demanding, America-hating ways. (PAUL FARHI)

APPALOOSA (R, 114 minutes) The premise is familiar: Freelance lawmen Virgil Cole (Ed Harris) and Everett Hitch (Viggo Mortensen) go to the little town of Appaloosa in the New Mexico Territory in 1882 in search of work. Bad guy Randall Bragg (Jeremy Irons) has just murdered the sheriff and two of his deputies. The frightened townspeople want things set right. After swift negotiations over the scope of their duties, Cole and Hitch take the job and go after Bragg's gang. Enter the widow, Mrs. French (Renée Zellweger), who attracts both men. No one needs to be a serious student of westerns or of buddy films to predict where the story is going. (MIKE MAYO)

BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG, 90 minutes) Drew Barrymore voices the part

of Chloe, the pampered title character who is taken to Mexico and promptly gets lost. OK, the concept for the movie is admittedly lame, but there's nothing wrong with watching a passel of adorable pooches wrinkle their brows and bark while human voices come out of their mouths. (AH)

BLINDNESS (R, 120 minutes) In this arresting, often riveting film that is fascinating to look at but not nearly so interesting to watch, a man at a stoplight suddenly and without reason goes blind. It spreads to an instant epidemic, inspiring panic. The infected are quarantined in a deserted mental hospital; everyone inside is blind except the doctor's wife, who mysteriously remains immune. The casting is strong, with Julianne Moore as the doctor's wife, Mark Ruffalo as the doctor, and Gael García Bernal ("The Motorcycle Diaries") as the most vicious man among the quarantined. (NT)

BURN AFTER READING (R, 96 minutes) CIA analyst Osborne Cox (John Malkovich) is told that he is being demoted and transferred, in part because he has a drinking problem. Outraged, he quits and retreats to his posh Georgetown rowhouse to have a drink and tell his wife (Tilda Swinton), who is throwing a party for Sandy and Harry Pfarrer (Elizabeth Marvel and George Clooney). Harry is having an affair with Mrs. Cox. Osborne, a yacht-owning Princeton alum who's convinced he's the smartest guy in town,

reacts to his career crisis by dictating his memoirs. These wind up at Hardbodies Gym and in the hands of dense personal trainer Chad Feldheimer (Brad Pitt) and his upbeat colleague Linda Litzke (Frances McDormand), who demand a little from Cox for the return of his classified material. (NT)

CHOKE (R, 92 minutes) This adaptation of a book by cult pulp novelist Chuck Palahniuk ("Fight Club") might appeal to Palahniuk's niche of fans, but for the most part it's a grim, joyless turnoff. Sam Rockwell, who's becoming alarmingly adept at playing weaselly, chinless antiheroes, plays Victor, a compulsive womanizer, con man and Colonial theme park reenactor whose myriad life issues stem from a troubled relationship with Mommy. (AH)

THE DUCHESS (PG-13, 110 minutes) Directed by Saul Dibb, the film shows that if Dibb knows nothing else, he knows what he has in star Keira Knightley. She's a beautiful, heroic and engaging Georgiana, the soon-to-be wife of the fairly abominable Duke of Devonshire (Ralph Fiennes), who wants nothing more than a son to carry on his name. Her naivete is painful, even more so in retrospect, after the Duke proves himself a brute. Under their marital roof, he seduces Georgiana's friend Bess (Hayley Atwell) with the promise of helping her regain custody of her children. Then he refuses to let Bess leave. Georgiana is forced into a

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shotgun menage a trois. (JA)

EAGLE EYE (PG-13, 118 minutes) We used to have bad guys to play the menacing "them" in the paranoid conspiracy thriller. Nazis. Reds. Rogue CIA operatives. Pod people. Corporate goons. Now we have technology. The hapless target of this espionage is Jerry Shaw (Shia LaBeouf), the slacker twin brother of a talented military officer and the prodigal son of a well-to-do family. Shortly after his wunderkind brother dies in a car wreck, Jerry finds his bank account suddenly

filled with \$750,000. His cell rings, and a disembodied female voice tells him the FBI is going to kick in the door in a few seconds. In New York, divorced mom Rachel Holloman (Michelle Monaghan) gets the same call. Director D.J. Caruso works hard to twist the paranoid-conspiracy-thriller motif. (NT)

FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13, 116 minutes) The true story of inventor Robert Kearns's years-long struggle to force the Detroit auto industry to admit it stole his 1963 design for the intermittent windshield wiper will appeal less to courtroom-drama fans than to stick-it-to-the-man fans. For one thing, the courtroom drama—a climactic lawsuit against Ford Motor Co.

in which Kearns (Greg Kinnear) acts as his own attorney—doesn't kick in until after almost 90 minutes, and much human drama, have elapsed. (MO)

GHOST TOWN (PG-13, 103 minutes) British comic genius Ricky Gervais plays Bertram Pincus, a misanthropic dentist who develops the ability to see dead people. Often resembling a "Sixth Sense" with humor, Pincus embarks on a journey of self-discovery, with Gervais channeling the same clueless self-absorption that made his BBC shows "The Office" and "Extras" such hits. (AH)

HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE PEOPLE (R, 110 minutes) The film is a sharply aimed skewering of New York

media circles and their sycophantic orbit around celebrity culture. Standing in for Young, Simon Pegg plays Sidney, a loutish Englishman recruited by Sharps magazine editor Clayton Harding (Jeff Bridges) to inject some vinegar into the glossy mag's coverage of Hollywood. But Sidney ends up only annoying everyone on the magazine's staff, most notably his immediate supervisor, Alison (Kirsten Dunst). (MO)

IGOR (PG, 86 minutes) Attempting to do with horror stereotypes and clichés what "Shrek" did with fairy tales, the film has clever moments but doesn't come close to the polished animation, wit and originality of the big green guy. In the realm

of Malaria, where it's always a dark and stormy night, everyone plays his or her role. Every mad scientist has his Igor, whose job description is limited to lisping, "Yes, Master." But one Igor (voiced by John Cusack) dreams of bettering his station by designing his own evil inventions. When his boss, Dr. Glickenstein (John Cleese), falls victim to an experiment gone awry, Igor sees his chance and sets out to create the ultimate monster. (MIKE MAYO)

LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13, 110 minutes) The perky interracial couple at the heart of the movie, Chris and Lisa Mattson (Patrick Wilson and Kerry Washington),

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don't generate sparks of their own. But saving the party is their flame-throwing cop next door, Abel Turner (Samuel L. Jackson). It's your standard-issue tale of an eccentric neighbor who gets weird, menacing, scary and then downright nasty. The twist here is that the ever-so-reasonable couple being picked on is a white husband and a black wife. Their tormentor is not a white racist, but an angry black man. Chris is a grocery store executive of some sort who went to school at Berkeley. Lisa



LONG GUN OF THE LAW: Viggo Mortensen keeps order by force in "Appaloosa."

is from Oakland, a daddy's girl, privileged and pouty. Chris, shockingly, is intimidated by the big black guy next door. It isn't a bad popcorn movie, but its cardboard-cutout romance is not nearly as fresh as it thinks it is. (NT)

MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R, 155 minutes)

This highly anticipated Spike Lee film follows four "Buffalo Soldiers" who find themselves in a remote Italian village surrounded by German troops. Overwrought, overproduced, overbusy and overlong, the film finally suffers from the worst filmmaking sin of all: the failure of trust, in the story and the audience. And no miracle can overcome that. (AH)

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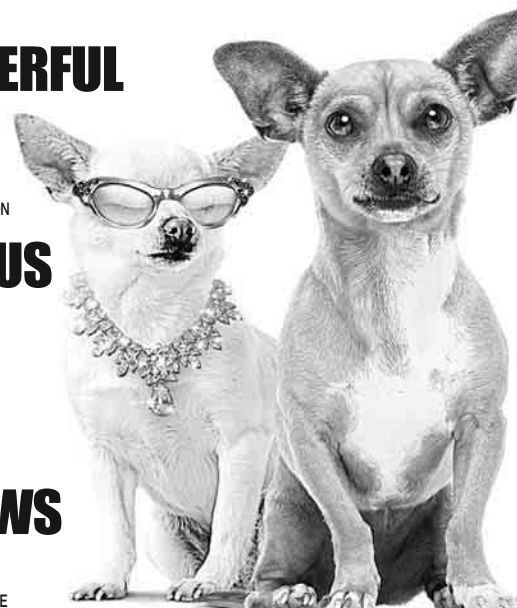
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they bicker, confide, criticize and ultimately find true love. (AH)

NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13, 97 minutes) The romance between a guilt-wracked surgeon (Richard Gere) and a dumped wife (Diane Lane), who fall into each other's arms during a storm, is utterly and completely unsupported by anything that happens in the film based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks. What really sells this three-hanky tearjerker by first-time feature-film director George C. Wolfe — and there were a lot of women buying it during a recent screening — is Lane's steely and vulnerable performance. Like Tinker Bell, she almost made me believe in fairies. Almost. (MO)

RELIGULOUS (R, 101 minutes) Several of Bill Maher's ideas about religion will make you laugh out loud in the television host's globe-trotting, full-frontal assault on the three major Western faiths. But one of the rules of satire is that you can't mock things you don't understand, and the film starts developing fault lines when it becomes clear that Maher's view of religious faith is based on a sophomore reading of the Scriptures. (NT)

RIGHTEOUS KILL (R, 100 minutes) When Turk (Robert De Niro) and Rooster (Al Pacino) investigate the brutal murder of a young girl by a thug who skates on the indictment because of false testimony, Turk, a simmering pot of hostil-

ity, plants a gun on the child killer and sends him away to someplace cheerful like Attica. (NT)


TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13, 111 minutes) Charlotte Cartwright (Kathy Bates), a construction-company magnate, is friends across class and color lines with Alice Pratt (Alfre Woodard), a hardworking cafe owner. They're both single moms and matriarchs at this point, naturally, and each have their hands full with their now-adult children. Woodard imbues Alice with such heart, warmth and genuine affection that it is likely you will leave the theater remembering her smile, which is a lovely thing. (NT)

VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG-13, 96 minutes) Life is still meaningless, but this time we get the message from Spain's two best actors, Javier Bardem and Penélope Cruz, who play Juan Antonio and Maria Elena, two divorced painters who have driven each other to attempted homicide. Their relationship is reignited by Scarlett Johansson as Cristina, an American spending her summer in Barcelona. (DAN ZACK)

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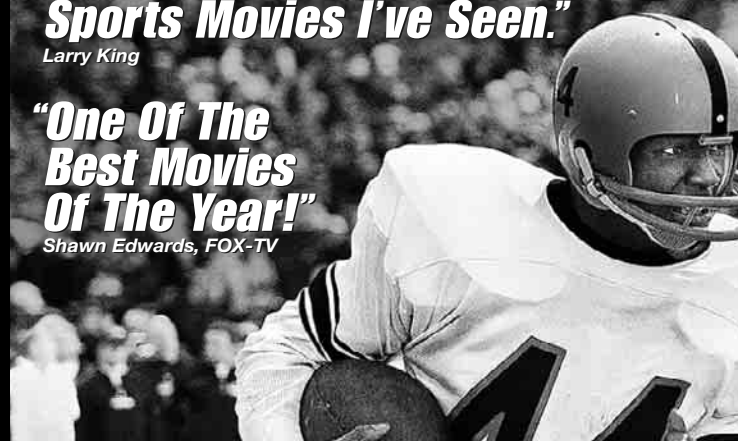
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Adv. Tix on Sale HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR

Adv. Tix on Sale SAW V

BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★

QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D

CITY OF EMBER (PG)

THE EXPRESS (PG)

FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13)

HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE

PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D

BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D

MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D

APPALOOSA (R) - ID REQ'D

LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13)

TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13)

RIGHTeous KILL (R) - ID REQ'D

BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D

BETHESDA 10

7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#

Adv. Tix on Sale HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR

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BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★

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HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE

PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D

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MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D

FIREPROOF (PG)

THE DUCHESS (PG-13)

APPALOOSA (R) - ID REQ'D

LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13)

GALLERY PLACE STADIUM 14

701 Seventh St NW 800-FANDANGO 1721#

Adv. Tix on Sale HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR

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BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★

QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D

CITY OF EMBER (PG)

THE EXPRESS (PG)

FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13)

HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE

PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D

NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13)

OC: NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13)

BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D

EAGLE EYE (PG-13)

MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D

NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13)

LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13)

TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS - DP (PG-13)

BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D

BALLSTON COMMON STADIUM 12

671 N Glebe Rd 800-FANDANGO 377#

Adv. Tix on Sale HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR

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BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★

QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D

CITY OF EMBER (PG)

THE EXPRESS (PG)

FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13)

HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE

PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D

BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D

MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D

APPALOOSA (R) - ID REQ'D

LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13)

TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13)

RIGHTeous KILL (R) - ID REQ'D

BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D

POTOMAC YARD STADIUM 16

3575 Jefferson Davis Hwy 800-FANDANGO 690#

Adv. Tix on Sale HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR

Adv. Tix on Sale SAW V

BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★

QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D

CITY OF EMBER (PG)

THE EXPRESS (PG)

FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13)

HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE

PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D

BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D

MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D

NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13)

LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13)

TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13)

RIGHTeous KILL (R) - ID REQ'D

BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D

COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20

45900 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#

Adv. Tix on Sale HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 3: SENIOR YEAR

Adv. Tix on Sale SAW V

BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★

QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D

CITY OF EMBER (PG)

THE EXPRESS (PG)

FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13)

HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE

PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D

NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13)

RELIGIOUS (R) - ID REQ'D

OC: NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13)

BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D

EAGLE EYE (PG-13)

MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D

NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13)

APPALOOSA (R) - ID REQ'D

IGOR (PG)

GHOST TOWN (PG-13)

CITY OF EMBER (PG)

TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13)

RIGHTeous KILL (R) - ID REQ'D

BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D

FOX STADIUM 16

22075 Crawford Pl. Ashburn, VA 703-957-1035

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Adv. Tix on Sale SAW V

BODY OF LIES (R) - ID REQ'D ★

QUARANTINE (R) - ID REQ'D

CITY OF EMBER (PG)

THE EXPRESS (PG)

FLASH OF GENIUS (PG-13)

HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS AND ALIENATE

PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D

NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG-13)

RW: NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13)

BLINDNESS (R) - ID REQ'D

EAGLE EYE (PG-13)

MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) - ID REQ'D

NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13)

APPALOOSA (R) - ID REQ'D

LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG-13)

TYLER PERRY'S: THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG-13)

RIGHTeous KILL (R) - ID REQ'D

BURN AFTER READING (R) - ID REQ'D

FAIRFAX TOWNE CENTER 10

4110 W OX Road 800-FANDANGO 670#

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NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG-13)



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THE IMAX EXPERIENCE
EAGLE EYE: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG13)
(11:10 @ \$9.50), 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:55, 12:35

DIGITAL PRESENTATION
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20, 11:35

BODY OF LIES (R) (10:10 @ \$6), 12:30, 1:10, 3:30, 4:10, 6:30, 7:10, 9:30, 10:10, 12:25
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (10:35 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:20, 5:45, 8:20, 10:45
THE EXPRESS (PG) (10:25 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15
QUARANTINE (R) (10:30, 11:10 @ \$6), 12:50, 1:30, 3:10, 3:50, 5:30, 6:10, 7:50, 8:30, 10:10, 10:50, 12:20
AN AMERICAN CAROL (PG13) (11:25 @ \$6), 1:35, 3:45, 5:55, 8:05, 10:20
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (10:20 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13) 12:30, 5:35, 10:40
HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE (R) 1:20
NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) (10:15 @ \$6), 12:40, 2:55, 5:15, 7:35, 9:50, 12:00
EAGLE EYE (PG13) (10:40 @ \$6), 4:05, 6:45, 9:25, 12:05
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) 12:25, 4:00, 7:30, 11:00
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) (10:55 @ \$6), 1:15, 3:35, 5:55, 8:15, 10:35
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 12:25, 3:15, 5:50, 8:25, 11:05
RIGHTOUS KILL (R) 2:50, 8:00
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) 12:20, 3:05, 5:45, 8:30, 11:15

AMC SELECT
THE DUCHESS (PG13) 12:05, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:25
APPALOOSA (R) (11:05 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:40, 7:35, 10:15
BLINDNESS (R) 10:00 PM
RELIGIOUS (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:25, 7:55, 10:20
FIREPROOF (PG) (10:30 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:15, 7:05
BURN AFTER READING (R) (10:45 @ \$6), 1:00, 3:25, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30

AMC COLUMBIA MALL 14

10300 Patuxent Parkway
703-998-4AMC

THE IMAX EXPERIENCE
EAGLE EYE: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG13)
(10:40 @ \$9), 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50

BODY OF LIES (R) (10:20 @ \$6), 1:10, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (10:30 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:40
THE EXPRESS (PG) (10:10 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15
QUARANTINE (R) (11:00 @ \$6), 1:20, 3:40, 6:00, 8:30, 10:45
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (11:15 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:00, 6:30, 8:45, 11:10
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13) (10:15 @ \$6), 4:30, 10:50
HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE (R) (11:25 AM @ \$6)
NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) (10:45 @ \$6), 1:25, 3:50, 6:10, 8:40, 11:00
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) 1:00, 7:20
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:05, 9:45
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) (11:20 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30

AMC SELECT
RELIGIOUS (R) (11:50 @ \$6), 2:40, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25
THE DUCHESS (PG13) (11:30 @ \$6), 2:20, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20
APPALOOSA (R) (10:50 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:35
BLINDNESS (R) 10:55 PM
BURN AFTER READING (R) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:30, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00

LOEWS GEORGETOWN 14

3111 K Street, N.W.
202-342-6441

DIGITAL PRESENTATION
NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) 1:50, 4:10, 6:45, 9:00, 11:20

BODY OF LIES (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:10
CITY OF EMBER (PG) 12:10, 2:30, 5:10, 8:10, 10:40
CITY OF EMBER (PG) 12:10, 2:30, 5:10, 8:10, 10:40
THE EXPRESS (PG) 1:10, 4:15, 7:20, 10:25
QUARANTINE (R) 12:40, 3:00, 5:30, 8:20, 11:00
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13) 2:10, 7:50
HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE (R) 1:30
EAGLE EYE (PG13) 1:20, 4:40, 7:40, 10:45
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) 2:50, 6:30, 10:00
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) 4:20, 7:10, 9:45
GHOST TOWN (PG13) 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 10:30

AMC SELECT
THE DUCHESS (PG13) 2:05, 4:50, 7:45, 10:35
APPALOOSA (R) 2:20, 5:15, 8:05, 11:05
BLINDNESS (R) 5:00, 11:15
RELIGIOUS (R) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:50
BURN AFTER READING (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20

AMC POTOMAC MILLS 18

2700 Potomac Mills Circle, Ste 886
703-998-4262

THE IMAX EXPERIENCE
EAGLE EYE: THE IMAX EXPERIENCE (PG13)
(11:00 @ \$9), 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30

BODY OF LIES (R) (10:20 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:25
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (11:10 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30, 11:55
THE EXPRESS (PG) (10:40 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:35, 7:35, 10:40
QUARANTINE (R) (10:10 @ \$6), 12:35, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:10, 12:30
AN AMERICAN CAROL (PG13) (11:40 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:15, 6:40, 9:00, 11:20
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:55, 10:20
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13) (11:30 @ \$6), 2:10, 7:45
HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE (R) (10:15 AM @ \$6)
NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) (12:05 @ \$6), 12:05, 2:25, 4:45, 7:05, 9:25, 11:45
EAGLE EYE (PG13) 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:20, 12:05
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) 12:25, 4:00, 7:30, 11:00
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) (11:50 @ \$6), 2:20, 4:55, 7:35, 10:00
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) (11:20 @ \$6), 2:05, 5:00, 7:45, 10:35
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) 5:00, 10:35

AMC SELECT
APPALOOSA (R) (10:25 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50
THE DUCHESS (PG13) (10:45 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40, 12:15
BLINDNESS (R) (1:00, 6:30, 11:40
RELIGIOUS (R) (10:05 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 8:10, 10:45
FIREPROOF (PG) (10:30 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 10:00
BURN AFTER READING (R) (10:35 @ \$6), 4:05, 9:20

AMC COURTHOUSE PLAZA 8

Courthouse and Birch Rd.
703-998-4AMC

QUARANTINE (R) (1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:10, 10:40
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13) (2:15, 5:10, 7:50, 10:35
HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE (R) (1:50, 4:20, 7:10
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) 12:20, 2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40
GHOST TOWN (PG13) 2:10, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 9:30 PM

AMC SELECT
THE DUCHESS (PG13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:30, 8:00, 10:30
APPALOOSA (R) (2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
BLINDNESS (R) (2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

800 Shopper's Way, Largo
301-324-4220

BODY OF LIES (R) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
THE EXPRESS (PG) (10:30 @ \$6), 12:20, 1:20, 3:20, 4:20, 6:20, 7:20, 9:20, 10:20
QUARANTINE (R) (11:35 @ \$6), 12:35, 2:05, 3:05, 4:35, 5:35, 7:05, 8:05, 9:35, 10:35
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (10:35 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:05
EAGLE EYE (PG13) (10:40 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:25
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) (10:45 @ \$6), 2:45, 6:15, 9:45
IGOR (PG) (10:25 @ \$6), 12:30, 2:50, 5:00
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) (11:00 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13) (10:20 @ \$6), 12:05, 1:05, 3:05, 4:05, 6:05, 7:00, 9:05, 10:00

AMC SELECT
BLINDNESS (R) 7:15, 10:15

LOEWS SHIRLINGTON 7

2772 South Randolph
703-671-0910 801

AN AMERICAN CAROL (PG13) 2:30, 4:50, 7:50, 9:45
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) 2:20, 5:40, 9:00

AMC SELECT
THE DUCHESS (PG13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20
APPALOOSA (R) 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50
RELIGIOUS (R) 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 9:45
BURN AFTER READING (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:10, 9:30
VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:10

LOEWS UPTOWN 1

3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
1-800-FANDANGO #713

EAGLE EYE (PG13) 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:20

AMC TYSONS CORNER 16

7850 Tysons Corner Center
703-998-4262

DIGITAL PRESENTATION
EAGLE EYE (PG13) (10:30 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:40, 7:50, 10:35

BODY OF LIES (R) (9:55 @ \$6), 1:05, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15, 12:50
BODY OF LIES (R) 12:50 AM
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (11:15 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25, 11:45
THE EXPRESS (PG) (10:35 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:35, 7:30, 10:25
QUARANTINE (R) (10:10 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:40, 5:05, 7:35, 10:10, 12:25
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (9:45 @ \$6), 12:00, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40, 11:55
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13) (10:40 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:15, 7:05, 10:05, 12:45
HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE (R) (1:45, 7:40
NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:30, 5:00, 7:25, 10:00, 12:20
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) (10:20 @ \$6), 4:30, 10:40
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) (9:50 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:45, 10:30
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) (9:50 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:45, 10:30
GHOST TOWN (PG13) (10:05 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:10, 5:45, 8:20, 10:50
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 1:50, 8:00

AMC SELECT
THE DUCHESS (PG13) (10:15 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:25, 5:55, 8:30, 11:00
APPALOOSA (R) (12:05, 2:50, 5:30, 8:10, 10:55
BLINDNESS (R) (11:00 @ \$6), 4:45, 10:20
RELIGIOUS (R) (10:25 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:20, 5:50, 8:15, 10:45
BURN AFTER READING (R) (10:05 @ \$6), 12:35, 3:05, 5:25, 8:05, 10:35, 12:55

AMC MAZZA GALLERIE

Jenifer and Wisconsin
202-537-9553

BODY OF LIES (R) (1:40, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
THE EXPRESS (PG) (1:20, 4:15, 7:10, 10:10
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (1:00, 3:15, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13) (1:50, 4:50, 7:40, 10:30
NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) (2:20, 5:00, 7:20, 9:50
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) 1:55, 4:40
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (CLUB CINEMA) (PG13) 7:15, 9:45
GHOST TOWN (CLUB CINEMA) (PG13) 1:45, 4:20
GHOST TOWN (CLUB CINEMA) (PG13) 7:00, 9:40

LOEWS RIO CINEMAS 18

9811 Washingtonian Boulevard
301-948-0906

DIGITAL PRESENTATION
EAGLE EYE (PG13) (9:30 @ \$6), 12:10, 2:55, 5:35, 8:15, 10:55

BODY OF LIES (R) (10:00, 11:20 @ \$6), 1:00, 2:20, 4:00, 5:30, 7:10, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30, 12:25
CITY OF EMBER (PG) (9:35 @ \$6), 12:05, 2:25, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45, 12:15
THE EXPRESS (PG) (10:30 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:40, 7:40, 10:45
QUARANTINE (R) (10:40 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 7:45, 10:05, 12:30
AN AMERICAN CAROL (PG13) (11:35 @ \$6), 1:45, 3:50, 5:55, 8:10, 10:15, 12:15
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:35, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13) (11:00 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:15
HOW TO LOSE FRIENDS & ALIENATE PEOPLE (R) (11:05 AM @ \$6)
NICK & NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST (PG13) (10:50 @ \$6), 1:05, 3:20, 5:45, 8:00, 10:25, 12:40
MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R) 12:50, 7:00
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) (10:15 @ \$6), 12:35, 3:00, 5:20, 8:00, 10:20
LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13) 1:40, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35, 12:10

AMC SELECT
THE DUCHESS (PG13) (8:30 @ \$6), 12:00, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:10, 12:35
APPALOOSA (R) (11:30 @ \$6), 2:15, 5:10, 7:55, 10:40
BLINDNESS (R) (10:05 @ \$6), 4:15, 10:35
RELIGIOUS (R) (10:10 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:15, 5:40, 8:05, 10:30
FIREPROOF (PG) (10:45 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:10, 7:05, 9:50
BURN AFTER READING (R) (9:55 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:25, 9:55, 12:20

LOEWS WHITE FLINT 5

North Bethesda
1-800-FANDANGO #741

BODY OF LIES (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
BEVERLY HILLS CHIHUAHUA (PG) 2:15, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30
FLASH OF GENIUS (PG13) 4:35, 9:35
NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13) 2:05, 4:25, 7:10, 9:45

AMC SELECT
THE DUCHESS (PG13) 2:20, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05
BURN AFTER READING (R) 2:10, 7:15

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QUARANTINE (R)
(!) 11:25, 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8:00, 10:15
BODY OF LIES (R)
(!) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:45
THE EXPRESS (PG)
(!) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:45
AN AMERICAN CAROL (PG-13)
11:50 AM
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Television



JUST TELL US ALREADY: Neither Sarah Palin's campaign nor Lorne Michaels will confirm a Palin cameo on "Saturday Night Live" this weekend. Regarding the rumors that keep popping up, Michaels has said, "All in good time." He is cruel.

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

HALLOWED GROUND

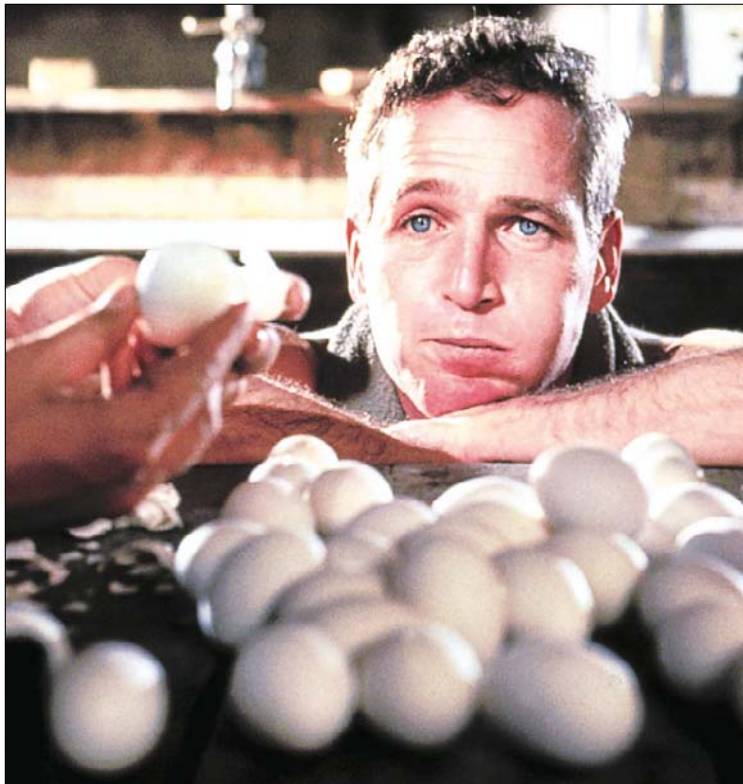
MOST HAUNTED LIVE (8 p.m., Fri., Travel) spends seven consecutive hours documenting the search for ghosts in Gettysburg, Pa. Call me a crank, but shouldn't some places be off-limits to paranormal shenanigans? Lincoln's Gettysburg Address used words such as "consecrate" and "hallow" to evoke a sense of the sacred about the battlefield and the men who "gave the last full measure of devotion" to their nation.

IT WAS TOO LONG ALREADY

Debra Messing stars in **THE STARTER WIFE** (9 p.m., Fri., USA), a new cable comedy based on a miniseries of the same name debuting in a movie-long episode. The show, like the movie, tells the tale of Hollywood princess Molly Kagan's (Messing) being dumped, feeling low and then getting her groove back.

CHRISTIE BRINKLEY'S EX

Scheduled on **20/20** (10 p.m., Fri., ABC): a Barbara Walters interview with famous



NOBODY EVER ATE 50 EGGS: Except for Paul Newman in "Cool Hand Luke."

divorced man Peter Cook; the economy; John Stossel doesn't want the vote rocked.

WHY SO SERIOUS?

Heath Ledger and Abbie Cornish star in the bleak 2006 Australian romance **CANDY** (9:30 p.m., Fri., The Movie Channel).

HUG IT OUT, ARI

Jeremy Piven, Elizabeth Banks and Lou Reed appear on **LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., Fri., CBS).

UNRELIABLE WITNESS

A precocious girl's false testimony has shattering consequences for all concerned in the 2007 adaptation of Ian McEwan's novel **ATONEMENT** (8 p.m., Sat., HBO).

STOP POLLUTING THE OCEAN!

Mermaids take umbrage at the disco crowd on **PRIMEVAL** (9 p.m., Sat., BBC America).

FALSE POSITIVE

A fighter's DNA is discovered at a murder scene on **LAW & ORDER: SVU** (10 p.m., Sat., NBC).

BUT THEY CAN'T VOTE

Candidates John McCain and Barack Obama face nonvoters and answer some

interesting questions on the "Nick News" special **KIDS PICK THE PRESIDENT** (9 p.m., Sun., Nickelodeon). The candidates sat down separately and answered questions posed to them by students ages 10 to 15.

CULINARY COMPETITION

The Food Network takes a detour with **THE CHEF JEFF PROJECT** (10 p.m., Sun., Food). Unlike "Top Chef" or any number of profane Gordon Ramsay spectacles, this series features budding talents who cook as though their lives depended on it.

DISCRIMINATION

Kevin faces workplace bias on **BROTHERS & SISTERS** (10 p.m., Sun., ABC).

NEW PERSPECTIVE

A trip to the West Coast gives Don a fresh outlook on **MAD MEN** (10 p.m., Sun., AMC).

REST IN PEACE, BLUE EYES

A luckless petty criminal (Paul Newman) turns a short lockup into a chain-gang stint in the 1967 feature **COOL HAND LUKE** (10 p.m., Sun., TCM). It's part of a daylong salute to Newman's films. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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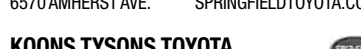
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2 Midlife Revival

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Andra Faye and Ann Rabson have enjoyed a huge amount of success, and, nine albums later, they are still touring the country, playing their sharp, gorgeous brand of blues. Check them out at Wolf Trap on Sunday. *K.E.*

→ Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna; Sun., 7:30 p.m., \$25; 703-255-1900.

3 Uncommon Company

The Suzanne Farrell Ballet visits the Kennedy Center fairly often, and if you haven't seen it yet, you are wasting your evenings in D.C. Farrell was the muse of George Balanchine

(one of the greatest modern choreographers), and this weekend the company will perform some of Balanchine's most famous dances, including "Ragtime" and "Liebeslieder Walzer." Farrell spent much of her career inspiring Balanchine, and now she's spending the rest of it making sure his greatest works

are seen by new generations. She tends to get overshadowed, but she's one of the most important figures in modern ballet. *F.Z.*

→ Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; through Oct. 12, \$29-\$84; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)



4 That's So '70s

Listen to Venezuelan group Los Amigos Invisibles' music and you'll be transported back to the days of platform shoes. Kind of. This is dancey stuff for those who can blend their disco and salsa moves. Check them out with Bio Ritmo and DJ Afro. *K.E.*

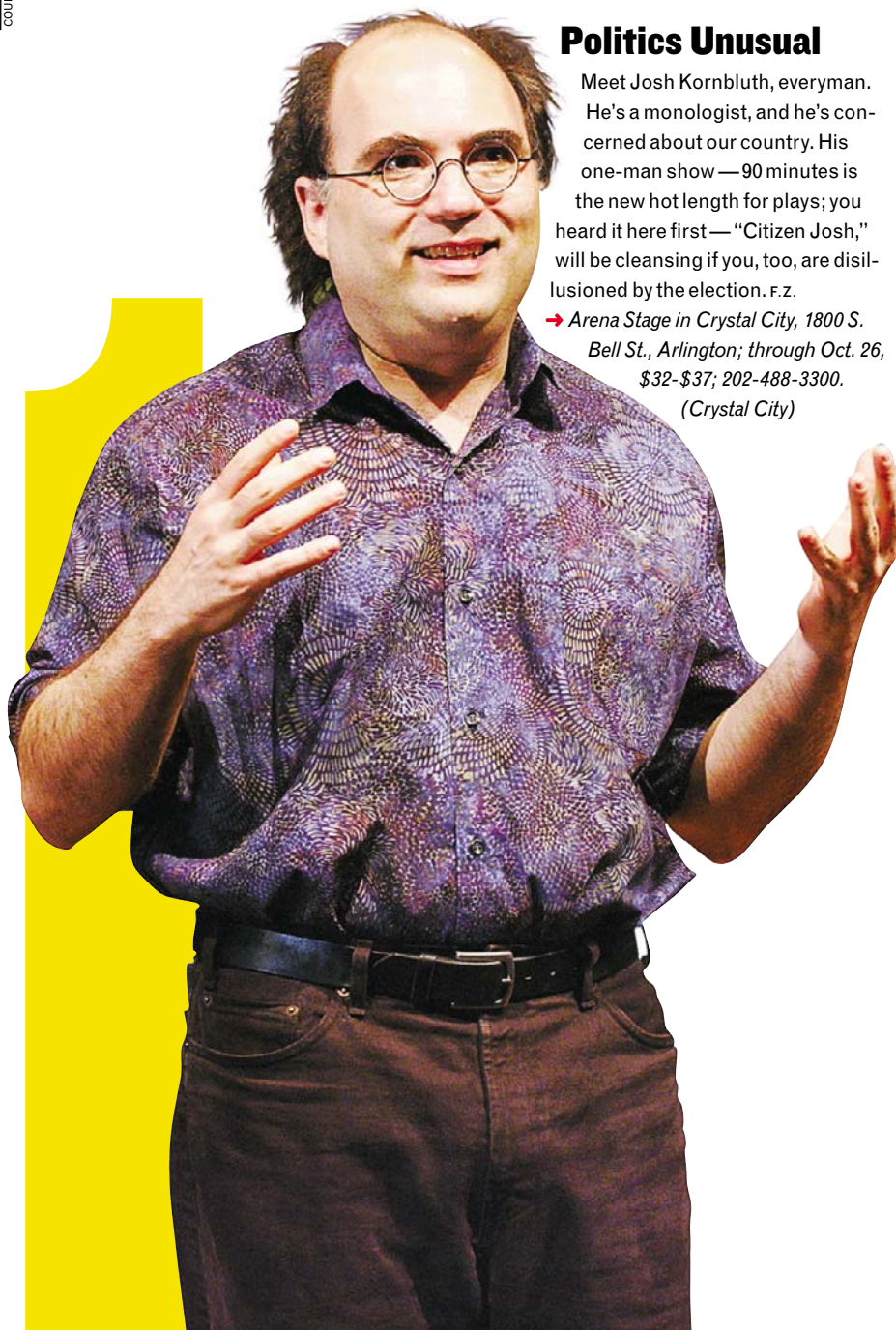
→ Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., 9 p.m., \$23-\$25; 202-667-4490. (U St.-Cardozo)



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Politics Unusual

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→ Arena Stage in Crystal City, 1800 S. Bell St., Arlington; through Oct. 26, \$32-\$37; 202-488-3300. (Crystal City)

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COURTESY OF THE GEORGETOWN BID

Navigating the Eats of Georgetown

FINDING FAIRLY priced, tasty food in Georgetown is more challenging than it should be. Since they're set in a tourist destination, Georgetown's eateries can get away with providing mediocre eats at bank-breaking prices — a true culinary crime.

However, there are diamonds lurking in these rough waters, and there's no better way to find them than by attending Taste of Georgetown this Saturday. Taking place between M Street and the waterfront on Wisconsin Avenue from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the event will host a number of area restaurants giving out "tastes" of their goods. One taste is \$5, or you can pay \$20 for 5 tastes.

The full list of vendors can be found at Tasteofgeorgetown.com, but if you're overwhelmed, here's some guidance. First, sample the wares of 1789, one of the area's key spots for luxurious new American cuisine. Anything they have for \$5 is sure to be a treat. Then, hit up Mendocino Grille's tent to try Mid-Atlantic grub.

Next, head to either the Tacklebox stand or the Hook stand for fresh seafood. Then, check out either Old Glory's offerings for a palatable spread of barbecued meats and sauces or Mie N Yu's for flavors of the Far East. Finally, if you can stand to wait in what is sure to be a serious line, Georgetown Cupcake has decadent desserts to spare.

And for those who care to imbibe, look for the Wine Pavilion on Grace Church's lawn. There's nothing like a glass of vino to wash it all down.

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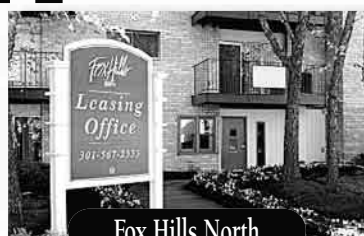
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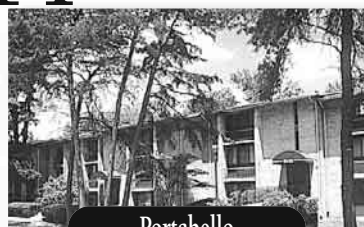
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Despite the economic downturn, many will spend on Halloween

Molly Gold didn't take the kids on vacation this summer, and she has cut back on extras like books from the book fair and school T-shirts for her 11- and 13-year-olds. But she's not skimping on Halloween.

She's decorating the house with pumpkins, ghosts and black cats, and handing out the "good candy": M&Ms.

"Halloween is a big time in my house," said Gold, 42, a mom of three in Apex, N.C. "In our view, that's a wonderful innocent fun time for kids. And the grown-ups are certainly going to need to relax a little by then."

The economic downturn doesn't seem to be dampening Halloween spirits. Americans are planning to spend even more on candy and decorations this year than last, according to surveys by Visa Inc. and the

“We don't want to disappoint our kids. We don't want to disappoint our neighbor's kids.”

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National Retail Federation.

The Visa survey found that 75 percent of Americans plan to celebrate and spend on Halloween, and among those, the average will spend \$47 on candy and decorations — an 18 percent increase from what they were planning to spend on Halloween in a similar Visa survey last year.

Chalk it up to the notion that even in troubled times, no one wants

to take candy from a baby, said Jason Alderman, director of financial education for Visa Inc.

"We don't want to disappoint our kids," he said. "We don't want to disappoint our neighbor's kids."

For some, Halloween is a welcome distraction from the grim economic news and the upcoming presidential election.

"It can provide a bright spot in an otherwise kind of gloomy situation," said Sue Fogel, chair of marketing at DePaul University.

Ann Schmidt, 43, a marketing consultant in Williston, Vt., compares Halloween to an inexpensive vacation. It's an opportunity to dress up, eat candy and blow off steam.

"Considering the thousands of dollars our retirement accounts were drained of these past two weeks, spending a hundred bucks on fake skeletons, glow-in-the dark spiders and a fog machine seems like a no-brainer," said the mother of two.

Jeff Davis, 43, a father of two in Carmel, N.Y., said he and his wife canceled their usual blowout party. But there are decorations throughout the house and he said the holiday is going to be fun in spite of his declining 401(k) balance.

"You push all that aside for a while," said Davis, a videographer. "It's a kids' holiday, so let them have fun and make it fun for them, and that's what we try to do."

Halloween has become a bigger holiday in recent years, growing far beyond a night of trick-or-treating to include parades and parties for people of all ages. But it remains low-stress and relatively inexpensive, said Nancy Robinson, consumer strategist at Iconoculture, a

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NOT SPOOKED: Ann Schmidt looks at Halloween decorations in Williston, Vt. She says she won't curb costs for the holiday.

Treats in Tricky Times



Ann Schmidt poses on her lawn with her sons and their Halloween decorations.

cultural trends research firm.

It doesn't require traveling to be with family or purchasing an expensive costume; a costume can be someone throwing a sheet over his head, she said.

"It's entirely a holiday about gathering together and having fun with each other in the goofiest way possible," she said.

For Donia Crime, 36, who works in public relations in Atlanta, Halloween is more important this year because she knows she will cut back at Christmas. There will be no traveling and less expensive gifts.

Halloween is a way for her to entertain friends relatively inexpensively: "And, for the kids, especially my 16-month-old, it's just as fun if not more fun than Christmas."

Gold, founder of Go Mom! Inc., which helps moms with scheduling and organizing, isn't changing her traditions this year, either.

"It's a very festive time," she said. "I don't want it ever to be stressful."

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COMMENTER NANCY, WHO ADDED, “THANK GOD, ALL MY DRUNK DAYS ARE BEHIND ME.”

“Oh, yeah ... and I

wasn't even drunk! I trash-talked a colleague at work. Didn't mean to include her on distribution, but that's the hazzard of the 'reply-all' button.”

COMMENTER STILL CRAZY, WHO ADDED, “FORTUNATELY, SHE'S QUITE RELIGIOUS AND FORGAVE ME.”

“I didn't have to be drunk

to regret sending a few. Now I try to save them as drafts and let them stew for a couple hours before I decide what to do with them.”

COMMENTER RURAHHRAH, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “HAVE YOU EVER SENT AN E-MAIL MESSAGE AFTER DRINKING THAT YOU LATER REGRETTED?”

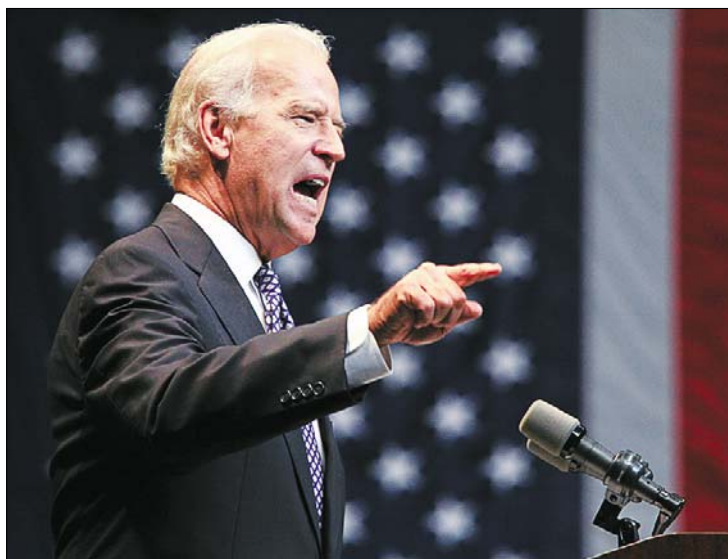


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Blog LOG

“I am now a Coupon Mom! Hear me roar! As with most fads in my life, this newest one is inspired by Auntie Oprah.”

SUBURBANFIZZ.COM WAS INSPIRED BY A WOMAN ON “OPRAH” WHO SAVED \$72,000 WITH COUPONS OVER 15 YEARS, ADDING, “THIS ONE MIGHT ACTUALLY SAVE ME MONEY, FOR A CHANGE!”



CRAIG LITTEN/AP

“That nickname Joe Biden stuck on John McCain [Wednesday] ain't gonna go away. ... Damn, that's brutal.”

WASHINGTONCITYPAPER.COM/BLOGS/CITYDESK THINKS DEMOCRATIC VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JOE BIDEN'S REFERENCE TO MCCAIN AS “THE SIDEKICK” IS QUITE THE ZINGER.



“Crappy T-shirts with your nickname are more than sufficient. If you have full matching uniforms, especially legit baseball pants, then your [behind] should be kicked repeatedly with great force and gusto.”

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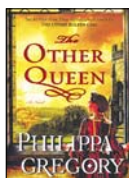
“BLUETOOTH DEVICES have turned us into a nation of hallucinating lunatics, really. I can't tell you how many times I've thought someone was either talking to me or just having an episode, only to see something blinking behind their hair.”

ANDIAMNOTLYING.COM STILL DOESN'T UNDERSTAND OR ENGAGE IN SUCH WILD PHONE BEHAVIOR.

Discussions

Philippa Gregory

PHILIPPA GREGORY, the author of many best-selling works of historical fiction, was online Thursday to discuss her latest novel, “The Other Queen,” and “The Other Boleyn Girl.”



I really liked “The Other Boleyn Girl.” It's fascinating how every move of Anne Boleyn's sister was considered a political move by her family. How did you find all that out?

Discovering the life of Mary Boleyn was very much detective work, reading one book after another for a reference to her and piecing together different accounts. Of course, as a woman who was

mistress to the king, she had a unique position of political power as well as intimacy, and her family benefited very much from that. I think I was the first person to notice that her family's honors — her father, brother and husband's titles — were all given at the time of the birth of her son.

Are you able to do your research in other languages? If not, do you find this to be a barrier?

No, I am so sorry. I can speak French enough to muddle through, but I am not good at reading, and I cannot read any other European languages at all. Fortunately, all the Tudor documents are translated into English and published in full by the Victorian historians and I can read them, but it does mean that I don't really dare to work on the history of other countries.

Do you think you will write about other countries' monarchies in the future? Have there been specific ones that tempt you?

No, I really don't dare to write about countries that are not wholly familiar and in languages that are not my own. I am very tempted by the early history of the U.S. and in particular the Native American peoples.

Of the people you have written about in your novels, do you have a favorite? Who would you have most liked to have met?

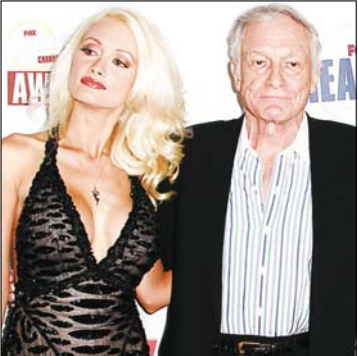
I am always very fond of the last character, so I am very attached to Bess of Hardwick — one of the characters in “The Other Queen,” at the moment.

TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:
Post TV columnist Lisa de Moraes wants to know who you think does folksy 'n' adorable better — Fey or Palin — at 1 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

LOOK

out

People



Holly on Take Your Father to Work Day.

VOLUNTEERISM

Playmate Completes Charity Commitment to the Elderly

HUGH HEFNER is down a girlfriend. Hefner and **HOLLY MADISON**, one of the women on E!’s “The Girls Next Door,” are no longer dating. Hefner, 82, said he’s been “down in the dumps” about the split. “If Holly says it’s over, I guess it’s over,” he said. (AP)

PREDICTABLE

Company Contracts With Unreliable Criminal, Whines



A recording company has sued **LIL’ KIM** for \$2.5 million, saying she hasn’t delivered the work their contract requires. The suit says Brookland spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on equipment and advances. (AP)



OH, WELL

Not Funny or Dead

PARIS HILTON touted her presidential candidacy in a video on Funnyordie.com Wednesday. “Running for fake president is a little daunting,” Hilton tells Martin Sheen, who she calls “one of our greatest fake presidents.” “Iraq has a Democratic government that is asking for us to leave,” she says. “It seems that we’ve done our job, and we should bring our troops home safely.” (AP)

MEMBERS

Cusack Fan Club Faces Skyrocketing Attrition Rates

A woman accused of stalking actor **JOHN CUSACK** will stand trial after a last-minute plea deal fell through Wednesday. Emily Leatherman was moments away from accepting a deal



Hey, Aging Process! Oh, wait, it’s just John.

that would have allowed her to avoid state prison. But after she indicated she wasn’t entering into the deal freely, a judge rejected the bargain and ordered her to stand trial beginning Friday. (AP)

THEATER

Every Single Member of ‘Sopranos’ Cast Was Busy

Broadway has found its Nathan Detroit for the upcoming revival of “Guys and Dolls” — **OLIVER PLATT**. He’ll portray the unapologetic gambler in the Frank Loesser musical opening March 1 at the Nederlander



Theatre. The production will begin preview performances Feb. 3. No word yet on who will play the show’s three other leads: Sky Masterson, Sarah Brown and Miss Adelaide. (AP)

EXTRA LIMBS

Angelina Reveals Vestigial Arm in Center of Her Chest

ANGELINA JOLIE is apparently breastfeeding on the cover of W’s November issue. She’s wearing a sleeveless top, opened to reveal part of her left breast and a tiny hand ostensibly belonging to one of her twins, Knox Leon and Vivienne Marcheline, who were born in July. (AP)

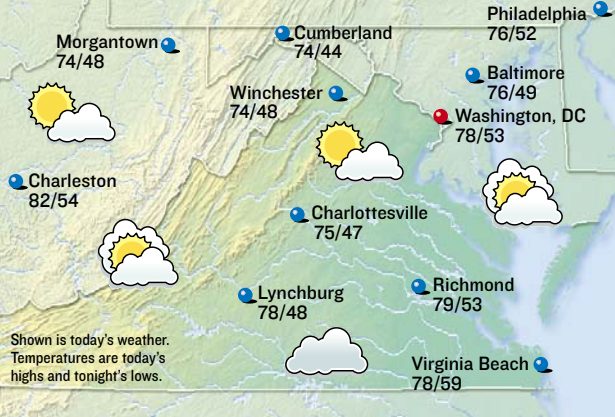


We knew she was hiding something.

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly sunny	Clear	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny, warm	Partly sunny
78°	53°	77° / 56°	75° / 59°	83° / 61°	76° / 58°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High 78°

Low 65°

Normal high 71°

Normal low 52°

Average humidity 66%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. Trace

Month to date 0.04"

Normal month to date 1.01"

Year to date 40.00"

Last year to date 21.64"

Normal year to date 31.17"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtontimes.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny. High 78. Wind east-northeast 6-12 mph. Tonight, clear. Low 53. Wind northeast 4-8 mph. Saturday, sunny. High 77.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 7:13 a.m.

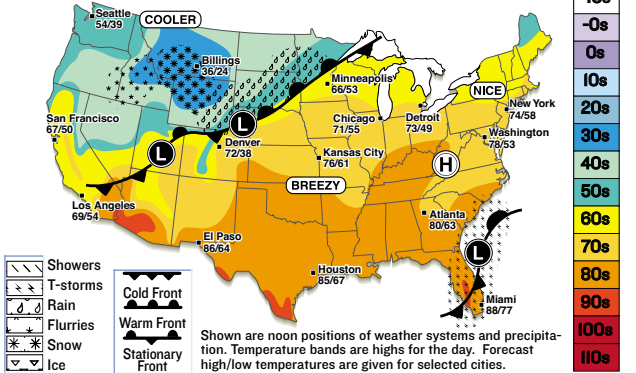
Sunset tonight 6:37 p.m.

Moonrise today 4:23 p.m.

Moonset today 2:30 a.m.



National Weather for Friday, October 10



National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	80/63/pc	74/61/pc
Boston	71/51/s	65/50/s
Chicago	71/55/s	75/60/pc
Dallas	84/67/pc	87/71/pc
Denver	72/38/pc	58/39/r
Honolulu	86/73/pc	86/72/s
Los Angeles	69/54/pc	67/52/s
Miami	88/77/t	86/77/t
New York City	74/58/s	75/56/s
Orlando	88/73/t	86/71/t
Seattle	54/39/pc	58/41/s

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	61/50/s	64/54/pc
Athens	72/59/s	72/61/pc
Berlin	61/50/pc	68/52/pc
Buenos Aires	77/61/s	77/61/c
Calgary	40/22/pc	42/22/s
Dublin	59/50/r	59/48/pc
Geneva	68/50/s	72/49/s
Moscow	46/37/sh	48/43/pc
Rome	73/54/pc	72/52/s
Sydney	73/55/pc	73/59/c
Tokyo	77/68/pc	75/64/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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face time



■ **The dating** and mating rituals of 30-something New Yorkers fueled Candace Bushnell's "Sex and the City" column and book, spawning the Manolo-mad TV series and movie. Her newest novel, "One Fifth Avenue" (\$26, Voice), finds Bushnell taking on Manhattan again. But this time, she points her satirical pen at middle-aged love and real estate lust.

"One Fifth Avenue" really suggests that real estate is sexy. Why is this true even in a housing slump?

I think it's human nature. It goes back to the basics: As humans, we need food, clothing and shelter. And even when people lived in caves, they probably knew someone else who had a nicer cave. Real estate is very atavistic, like sex.

Is real estate envy different in New York than it is in other towns?

No, I think it's everywhere. Maybe we wouldn't be in this mortgage crisis if people weren't so desirous of real estate. But they are. But in New York, there's never enough real estate, and it's expensive, so there is a scramble to find a place to live.

What's your own place like?

I live in a co-op in a pre-war building built in 1926. It's about 1,200 square feet with a little Art Deco, a little crystal and a little gilt.

Where do you write?

At a little desk in my den. And I have a little house in Connecticut where I write at a desk I bought on the street in 1987 for \$50. It's a Mission-style piece, and I've taken it everywhere with me.

Satire is your strength. Which authors of the genre inspire you?

I was one of those kids who was always going to the library. We didn't have a movie theater in our town, so I went twice a week. I loved English authors like Evelyn Waugh and Agatha Christie.



DONNA SVENNEVIG

Candace Bushnell

AUTHOR, RECOVERING HOT PANTS WEARER

Why do we eat up books like this, and even "Sex and the City," which has a lot of humor at its core?

Satire is a way of revealing the truth about the times that we live in. It allows us to laugh at ourselves.

"One Fifth" celebrates middle-aged glamour. Why did it take so long for midlife babes to get recognized?

When I started writing the "Sex and the City" column in 1994, I wrote about how there were so many great single women in their 30s and no men to marry them. Since then, our attitudes have changed. Women don't become invisible when they're 40 anymore.

Why do designer clothes play such a big part in your books?

I think of clothing as a costume. And, certainly, in "Sex and the City," there is a celebration of that. Part of it is that my books are set in New York, and fashion is the fourth- or fifth-largest industry here. It's something people here are very aware of.

What's your personal style. Are you a Carrie Bradshaw?

Right now, I'm wearing a pair of

"I write at a desk I bought on the street in 1987 for \$50. I've taken it everywhere."

red Gap pants, some orange flip-flops and an old hippie top from about five years ago. I grew up in the country, so I have a real part of me that loves casual clothes.

What do you do when you go out?

There's another part of me that has to go to an event and get the hair and makeup. Then, I like showy clothes. I've got a fabulous pink Ferragamo dress that's kind of mohair.

What was the first outfit you remember loving?

I was the first kid at my high school to wear hot pants. They were little, brown and velvet. JENNIFER BARGER

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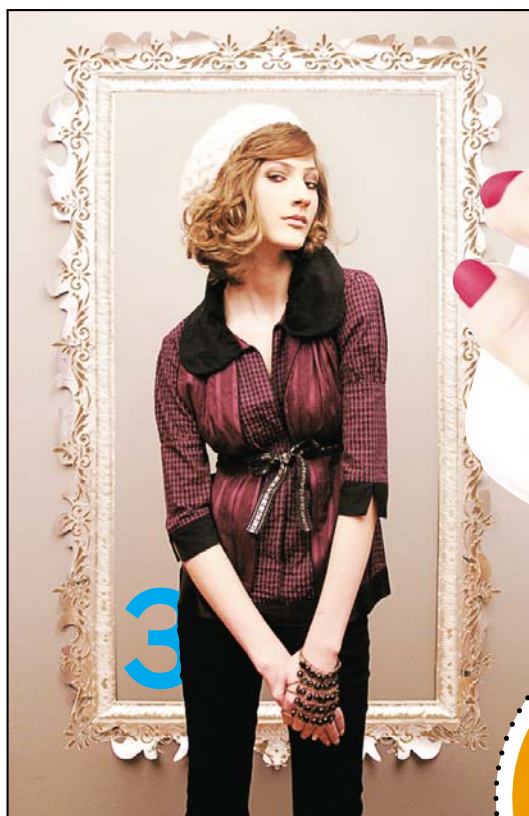
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Take Me to Punky Town

IF A RUSSIAN czarina joined a neo-grunge band, her wardrobe would surely be provided by Cincinnati's new womenswear line Madras 641, now at Caramel (1603 U St. NW; 202-265-1930). By marrying Victorian prints (weensy florals, Dickensian plaids) and mod shapes (minidresses, tunics), styles like a teal, empire-waist frock (\$99) and a patchwork blouse (shown, \$75) appeal to latter-day Anna Kareninas, particularly those who like to shred.



A Buzz Lash Year

WHAT'S 4 inches long, vibrates and is fit for office use? Even Samantha Jones knows it's Estee Lauder's TurboLash (\$30, Estelauder.com), the first mascara with a vibrating wand. Pop an included battery in and, dang, the thing hovers in your paw! The micro-movement tickles, but the bristles separate and coat lashes with a quick-drying gel. The wand emits a mosquito-ish hum, so it's good that the results are so satisfying.



5 Bling Me Some Coffee

THE DARN RECESSION is keeping you (or that hot stranger across the bar you'd like to visit a Vegas chapel with) from snapping up a Tiffany solitaire! A mug encrusted with a faux bling handle (\$18, Charlesandmarie.com) provides cold (or warm) comfort. It comes in a strange box that just shows the bijoux, meaning sadistic dudes can give it to their girlfriends as a "joke." But beware — the thing's made of porcelain and will break when hurled across a room.

Grab Bag

Sheet Relief

IT'S NOT QUITE cold enough to crank up the heat yet, making a cashmere-covered hot-water bottle (\$80, Betsy Fisher, 1224 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-785-1975) a nice bed bud until your landlord turns on those hideous overheating radiators. Just fill the old-fashioned, sweater-wearing gadgets with warm H2O and then crawl under the comforter. Repeat until warm, or until your cat runs off with the thing.



2 Wall of the Not-So-Wild

THE WALLPAPER craze has spawned creepy Gothic damasks, florals only a "Mad Men" secretary would love and metallic prints that look stripped from the walls of Studio 54. Grow House Grow's handprinted papers (\$42 a sheet, \$150 a roll, Growhousegrow.com) show a sweeter side of the trend, putting weensy tree houses in an icy blue forest (pictured) and throwing bunnies into a field of green blossoms.

dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I've been invited to an outdoor wedding in upstate New York next weekend. I hate to be cold, so I'm wearing a woolen skirt and heavy tights. I need boots to go with them. The problem: I'm pregnant, and my feet have swollen to gigantic proportions. — BRIDGET

■ Manolo says, the outdoor upstate wedding in October? The Manolo sincerely hopes that there is the barn nearby to which the wedding party



and guests can retreat when the frosty rain begins.

Actually, the weather is also frequently spectacular during this time of the year, with the leaves changing their colors and the farmers harvesting their traditional crops of Indian corn and jack-o'-lanterns. Of the course, the Manolo hopes that the festivities will partake of the Ichabod-Crane, Sleepy-Hollow-ish spirit of bucolic fun available in that part of the country in October. Perhaps instead of the first dance, the bride and groom can bob for the apples?

Look, here is the Jumper from Sudini, the handsome, low-heeled, moderately priced boot available in the wide sizes for the girl with the wide feet (\$229, Zappos.com).



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

A Michael Teperson feather and satin clutch (\$950, Elementschicago.com) perches in a wooden birdcage (\$34, Arhaus, Tysons Corner Center, 703-734-9001). Photo by Marge Ely.



Flight Patterns



VEILED TREAT

Lilliput's fascinator (\$280, Proper Topper) — a feathered hair ornament — dresses up tresses.

The tradition of humans' wearing plumage in the United States has an origin that's not so pretty. Like Yankee Doodle, chic colonials stuck feathers in their caps as a sign of status — but only when they crushed enemies in battle or felled game on a hunt. These days, adopting avian frills just means you're channeling flappers or Keira Knightley in "The Duchess." And many times, no pheasants, emus or peacocks are hurt in the name of high-flying style. "It's an uncruel way to be close to nature," said Belle McClusky, who designs feathered hats and headbands under the label Boring Sidney (Boringsidney.etsy.com). "It's not fur." McCluskey started using feathers when she made hats for the theater. She says the women who flock to them are, "not afraid to be noticed. Feathers are not quiet." MAURA JUDKIS

LIGHT AS A YOU-KNOW-WHAT

Indian princessy in feel, these hoops add 1970s boho appeal to a dress or jacket (\$20, [Urban Outfitters.com](http://UrbanOutfitters.com)).

THAT WING YOU DO

- (1) Go Robin Hood hip via Lola's pheasant plumed cloche (\$265, Proper Topper, 3213 P St. NW; 202-333-6200).
- (2) Like a nest-building magpie, Beth Lauren combined a little of this and that (feathers, leather, chains) on a necklace (\$215, Intermix, 3222 M St NW; 202-298-8080).
- (3) Boring Sidney's flapper-ish piece (\$70, Boringsidney.etsy.com) works as a belt or headband.
- (4) Morph into a superheroine in Jay Godfrey's frock (\$495, Intermix).



CRESTED BEAUTIES

Male peacocks get attention by flashing their colorful plumage. You can also attract a mate, or at least a date, with a headband (\$24, Urbanoutfitters.com) or a fascinator/hair comb (\$25, Boringsidney.etsy.com).



FEATHER UNDERGROUND

Greek god Hermes wore magical winged shoes. Maybe you'll get special powers from Costablanca's feathered satin slingbacks (\$245, The Little Shoe Box, 7134 Bethesda Lane, Bethesda; 301-654-7463).

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Right Side of the Bed

Local company gives linens global patterns and hot hues

No fashionista worth her Marc Jacobs pumps would show up at a party in a bland, all-white outfit. The same standard should hold for your bed, say designers, HGTV hosts and even Pottery Barn.

The idea of really dressing your boudoir in rich colors and dress-maker fabrics propelled Rockville entrepreneur/design fiend Mei Xu, pictured, to found Blissliving Home in 2007.

Their line of bedding shows off patterns, hues and ideas normally reserved for the runway. It's sold through local stores such as RCKNDY (1515 U St. NW; 202-332-5639) and Tabletop (1608 20th St. NW; 202-387-7117) and via catalogs and the Internet (Blisslivinghome.com).

Unusual color combinations rule the company's designs. Think cobalt blue, indigo and French blue stripes on a dramatic comforter (\$245 with shams) or plush faux fox fur on an oversized throw pillow (\$95). As in the fashion world, the emphasis is on layering. That blue duvet could be stacked with a fuzzy white throw or some silver sequined pillows. “Some of our most successful pillows have a little bling to them,” says Xu. That means bolsters in silver leather or a linen-silk square with an origami-like knotted front (\$60).

Still, the looks are mostly what you might call cozy contemporary. “I like connecting a modern aesthetic with global cultural motifs,” says the Chinese-born Xu, who draws on symbols from her background (chrysanthemum blossoms, pagodas) and those of other countries such as Russia, Sweden and India. “We're trying to tell a story through bedding, pillows and candles.”

But these styles are far from stuffy museum reproductions. Xu and her team stamp a Nordic reindeer in a rich orange shade and have it romp on a gray silk pillowcase.



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Chrysanthemums, seemingly on MiracleGro, turn rich red or cool coral. Vintage Japanese kimonos inspire a quilt in white, cobalt, orange and aqua.

“It's not so easy to choose colors,” says Xu. “We travel to Paris and London, trying to see what will really translate into home decor.” Sometimes, they'll find themselves ahead of the curve: That orange-on-gray reindeer combo wasn't as popular as Xu had hoped. “We were a bit too early with that,” she says. “But we don't use safe designs.”

Bliss also adds drama to its boudoir ensembles by using engineered printing — a form of reproduction that results in a large, screen print-like image. This means designs can be larger, more like art canvases. “It really makes a statement when a pattern can be oversized,” says Xu.

Xu, who moved to New York City from China in 1991, trained as a journalist and diplomat. But her disappointment with the U.S. decor market made her rethink her career. “When I moved here, I walked to Bloomingdale's almost

“Some of our most successful pillows have a little bling on them.”

every night,” she says. “There was fun, ready-to-wear, but no fun, contemporary home products.”

Xu started her quest to modernize stateside designs by founding Chesapeake Candle Company in 1994; Bliss came last year. Sales of the bedding — and similarly Zen den accessories like candles and vases — have been so brisk and buzzed about that Xu is in talks with a high-profile boutique hotel about doing its duvets.

It's all about bedding down in a way that isn't boring, really. “People yearn for something different,” she says. “Your bedroom can be an extension of your personality.”

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Treeva Creek Jay Morrow

Treeva, left, 37, is a flight attendant. Jay, 36, is a webmaster. They live in Baltimore.

■ **The Main Event:** A semiformal ceremony and reception in D.C. on Oct. 23. A pal of the couple's will officiate.

■ **How They Met:** Five years ago at D.C.'s Club Daedalus.

■ **First Impressions:** "She was really nice, but not my type," says Treeva. "She was very attractive, smart and business-oriented," says Jay.

■ **First Date:** They met at Cafe Asia for mojitos and dumplings, and split a mango and sticky rice dessert.

■ **How She Proposed:** They returned to their first date spot five years later. "She was angry at me for being lost earlier on finding her way to Cafe Asia," says Jay. "She was so mad she didn't even notice what I was doing." That quickly cleared up when Jay walked around the table and got down on one knee.

■ **Most Hated Clothing Item:** "Her Lucky Brand jeans," says Treeva. "Her Tai Chi shoes," says Jay.

■ **Their Song:** "Head to Toe" by Eric Roberson.

■ **Making It Unique:** Their ceremony will not be typical, says Jay. Instead, it will have a movie premiere theme. "There will be a film about us called 'The Beginning of a Love Story,'" she says. "It's about us and how we met."

"Our wedding day is Treeva's birthday," says Jay.



He Went the Distance

Of course there were sparks when **MEGHAN KELLY** and **ERIC SCHLEICHER** met at a mutual pal's birthday barbecue in D.C. — it was the Fourth of July weekend, after all. "We made a killer pool team," recalls Meghan. "Since I learned he lived in Florida, I wasn't nervous about making a fool of myself. I figured we'd just enjoy the evening." She happily found herself proved wrong six weeks later when Eric flew from Cocoa Beach to take her to dinner at Cafe Atlantico. "I was in awe that he'd flown from a different state to go on a date." It was a bold move that paid off. After several months of keeping in touch, Eric knew this relationship was headed toward the aisle: He moved to D.C. in May 2005. When they vacationed in Amsterdam last October, he made it official by popping the question in their hotel room. They will wed Oct. 18 in Leesburg in a somewhat traditional ceremony. Says Eric: "We're getting an elephant to give rides to our guests."

Meghan, 29, is a program management analyst. Eric, 29, is an aerospace engineer. They live in D.C. **KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)**



Patricia Fleming, Edward Gioffre

Patty, 38, is an environmental scientist. Eddie, 38, is a senior software developer. They live in Fairfax.

■ **The Main Event:** A semiformal ceremony and reception at a Philadelphia mansion on Oct. 12.

■ **How They Met:** Working at a marketing research firm in Philadelphia.

■ **First Impressions:** "Eddie has a great smile and a deep voice. I loved his laugh." "Too cute for me. I couldn't imagine her being interested in me."

■ **First Date:** "We went to see 'Pretty Woman' in the theater," says Patty. "Seriously, it was really that long ago."

■ **How He Proposed:** While hiking at Great Falls on Patty's birthday. "He would not turn back when it started to rain," she recalls. "He was so nervous that when he finally proposed, he got down on both knees and then realized he couldn't get to the ring in his pocket."

■ **Stupidest Fight:** When she "thought I forgot her birthday," says Eddie. "I was waiting to wish her 'happy birthday' at the end of the phone conversation." Says Patty: "He still waits to wish me a 'happy birthday' until later in the day."



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